



BEASTARS

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Louis



- ★Red deer ♂
- ★Former leader of the Drama Club actors pool
- ★Former leader of the Shishi-gumi lion gang
- ★Offered his leg to Legoshi so he could defeat Riz

Haru



- ★Netherland dwarf rabbit ♀
- ★University student

Ogma

- ★Louis's adoptive father ♂
- ★Head of the Horns Conglomerate
- ★Can't express his feelings, but loves his son

Gosha



Yahya

- ★Horse ♂
- ★Current Beastar
- ★Powerful combatant

Kyu



- ★Lop-eared rabbit ♀
- ★Was once on sale at the black market with Louis and San
- ★Combat skills surpass Legoshi's

Melon

- ★Half-leopard, half-gazelle ♂
- ★Elephant poacher who sells tusks on the black market

STORY & CAST OF CHARACTERS

Legoshi has been designated a registered meat offender after consensually eating his friend Louis's leg to give him the strength to defeat the bear who murdered their friend. Now Legoshi works at an udon noodle shop while Louis and Legoshi's girlfriend Haru attend college.

Mixed-species psychopath Melon's brutality on Happy Meat Day sends ripples of chaos through the rest of the city. It becomes clear that the black market is growing more dangerous and becoming a serious liability.

Meanwhile, Haru, Louis, and Legoshi undergo some major changes. Haru impulsively promises Melon she'll let him devour her someday. Ogma, Louis's father and the head of the Horns Conglomerate, dies. And Legoshi trains under Kyu for his final showdown with Melon. But when he incurs her wrath, she forces him to undergo an impossible training regimen...

Legoshi

- ★Gray wolf ♂
- ★Former Cherryton Academy student
- ★Ate his friend Louis's leg to defeat Riz
- ★Lives alone at Beast Apartments



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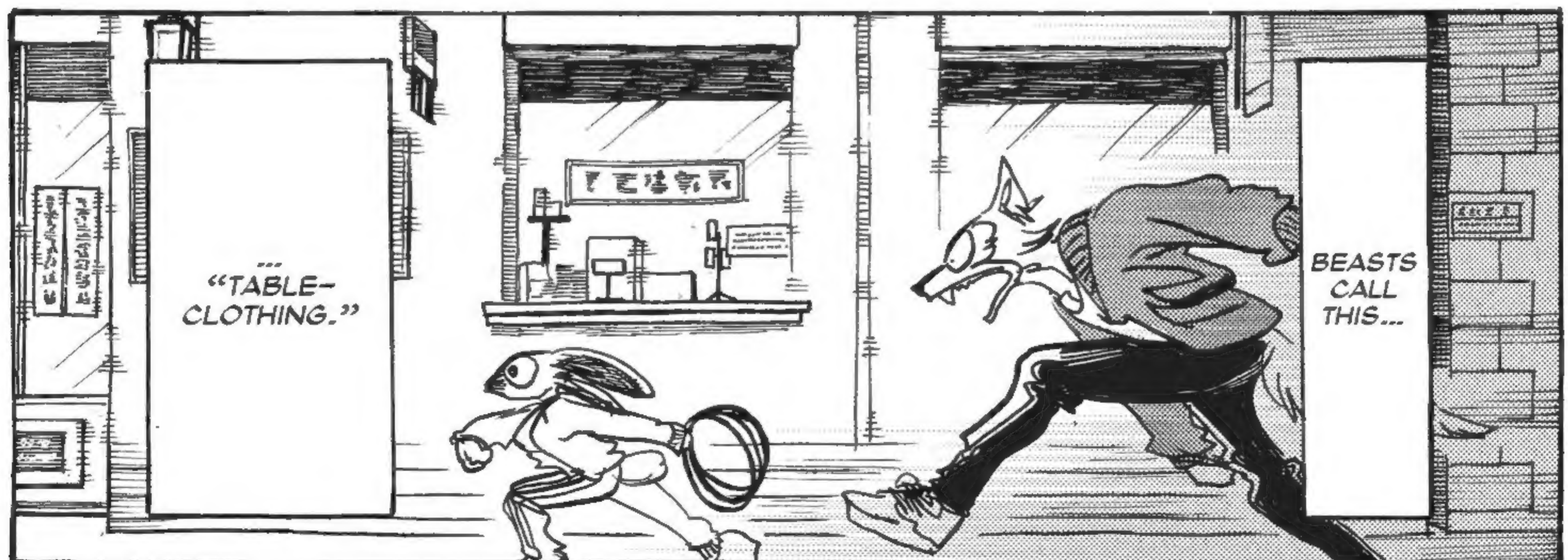
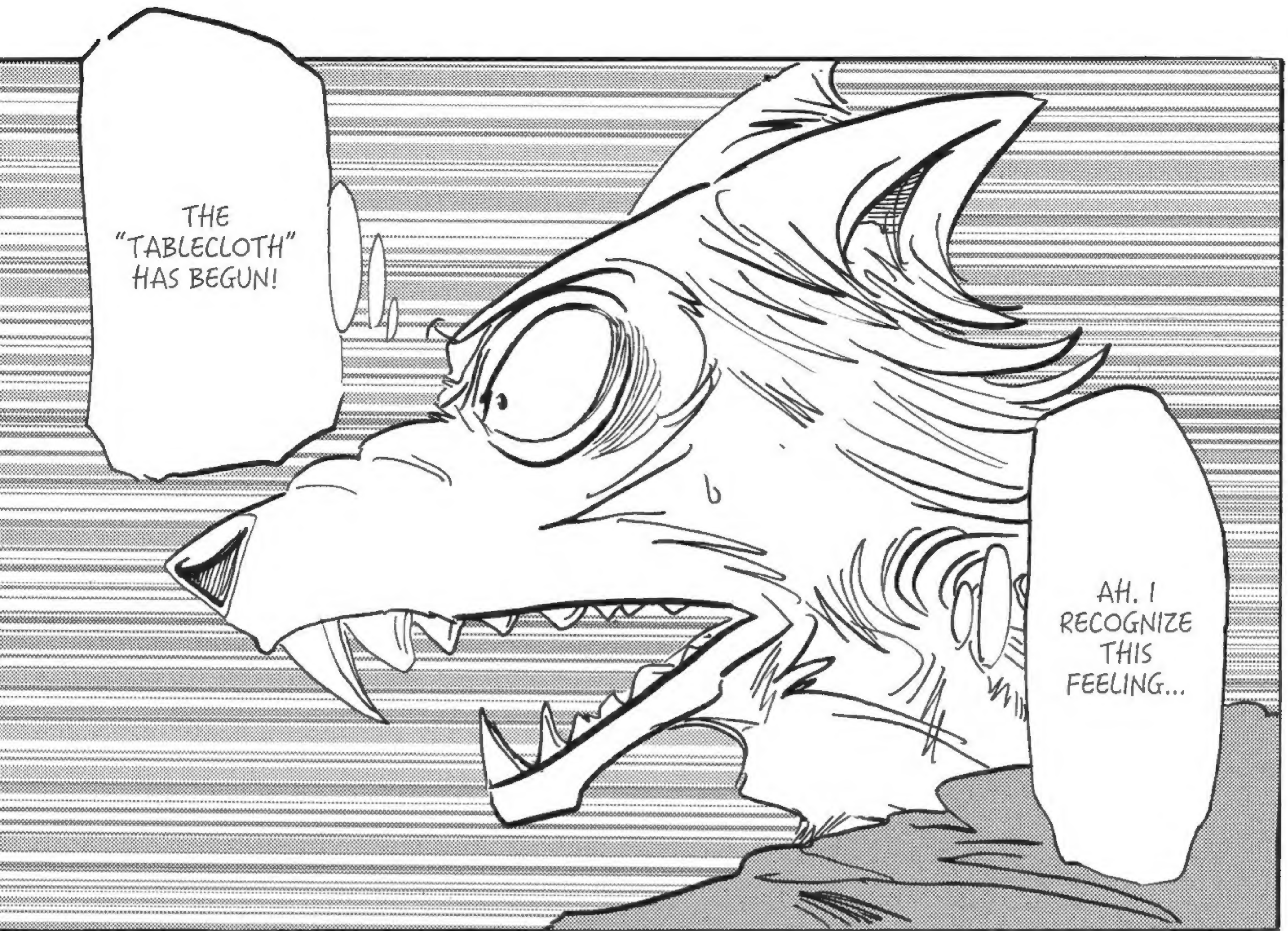
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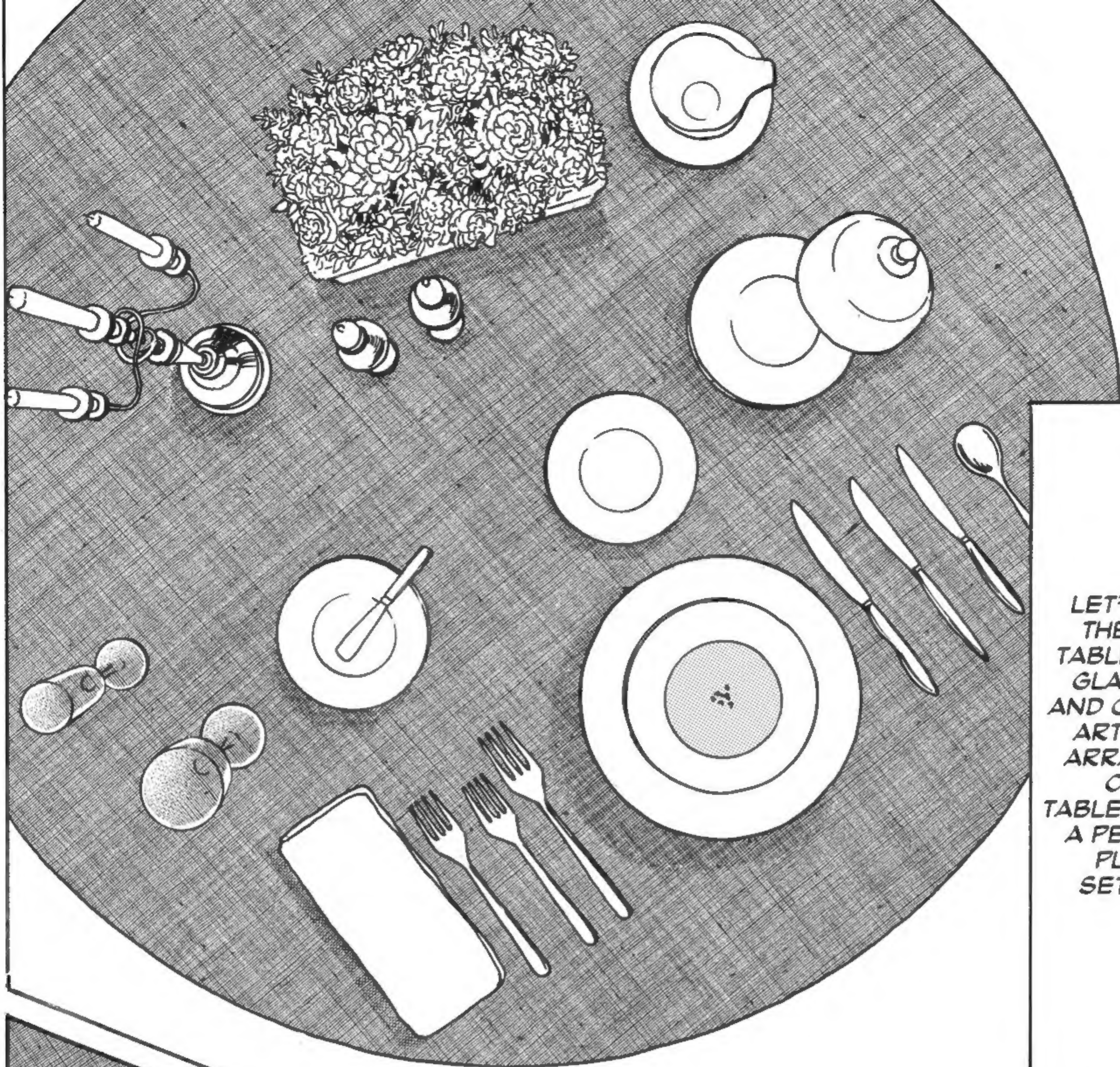




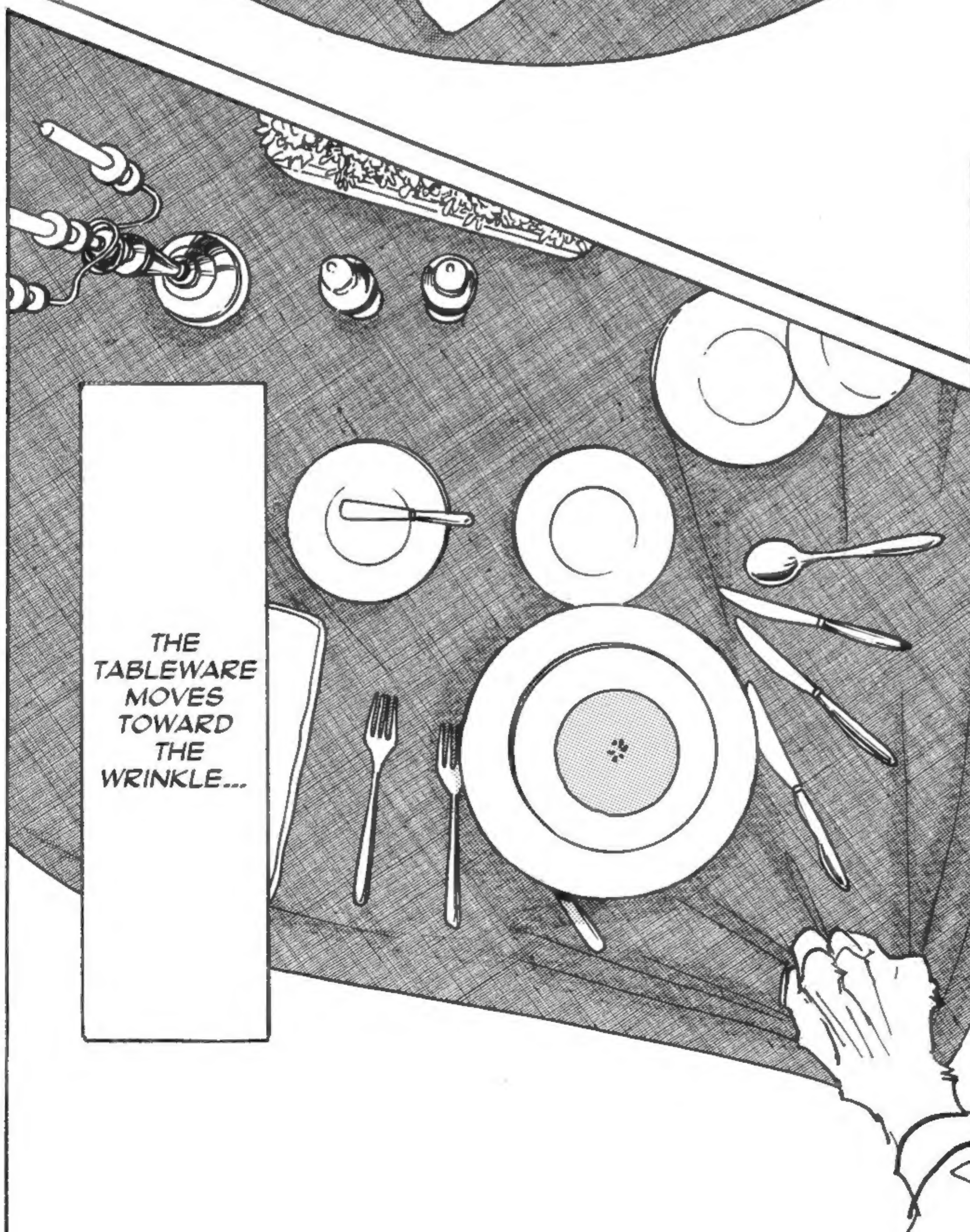
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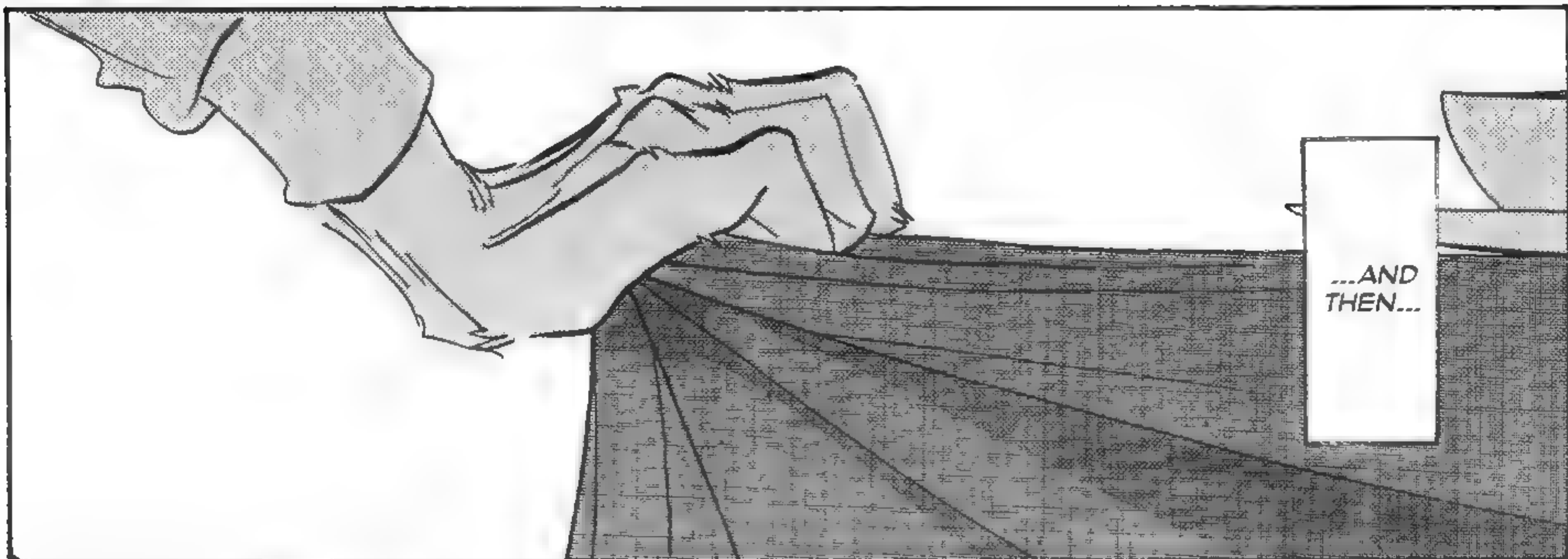


LET'S SAY
THERE'S
TABLEWARE,
GLASSES,
AND CUTLERY
ARTFULLY
ARRANGED
ON A
TABLECLOTH...
A PERFECT
PLACE
SETTING.

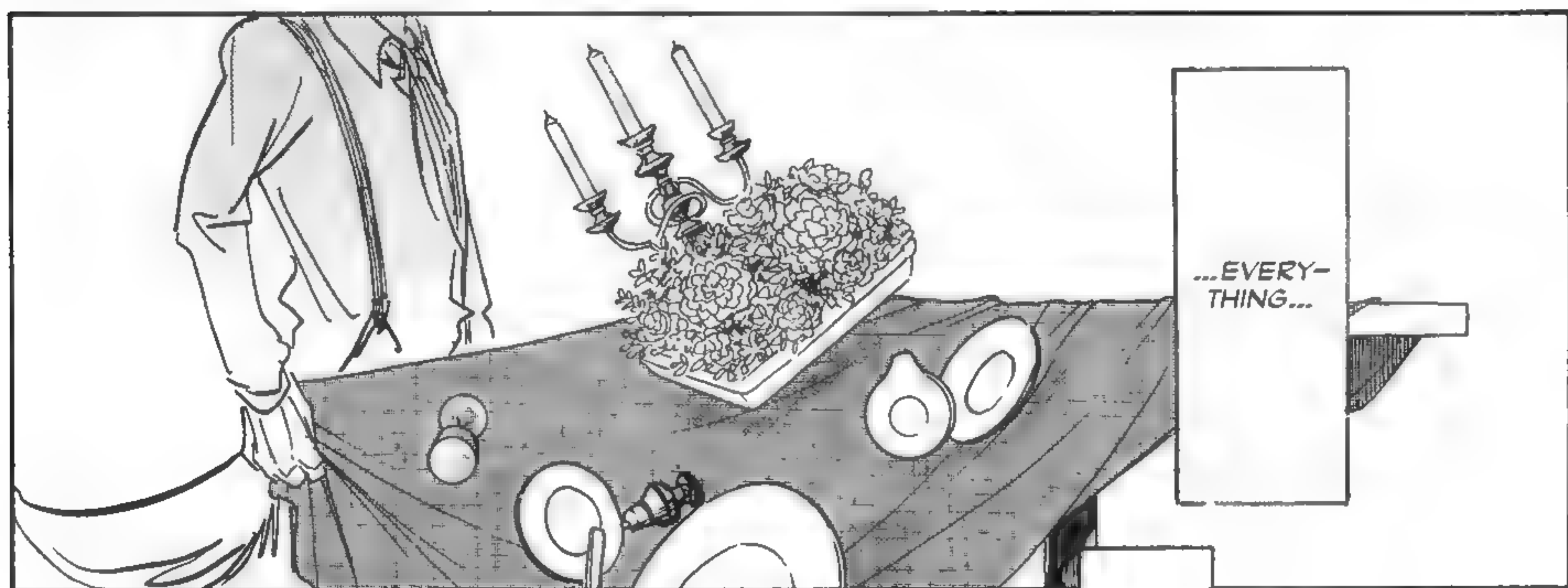


THE
TABLEWARE
MOVES
TOWARD
THE
WRINKLE...

YOU PUT
YOUR
HANDS
ON THE
TABLE,
CREATING
TENSION
THAT
PULLS
ON THE
TABLE-
CLOTH. A
WRINKLE
APPEARS.



...AND
THEN...



...EVERY-
THING...

...IS
RUINED!

A
WRINKLE
IN A
TABLE-
CLOTH
LEADS TO
TRAGEDY.



THE
TABLE-
WARE
CAN'T
RESIST
THE
GRAVITA-
TIONAL
PULL.



WHEN
CARNI-
VORES
WRINKLE
THEIR
NOSES...

...THEY'VE LOST ALL REASON.
THEY'VE LOST CONTROL OF
THEIR HEARTS AND MINDS AND
BODIES. AND THEN THEY
BECOME VIOLENT.

THESE
ARE ALL
SIGNS OF
TABLE-
CLOTHING.

THEY
GROWL
WHEN THEY
SPEAK.

THEIR
APPETITE
GROWS.

KYU...
GRRR
WL...

MY
STOMACH
WAS FULL
THEN
BECAUSE
I'D EATEN
LOUIS'S
LEG. THAT
MUST HAVE
CALMED ME
DOWN.

I'M
BURNING
UP. I
HAVEN'T
FELT THIS
HOT SINCE
MY DUEL
WITH RIZ.

AM I
JUST A
HUNGRY
WOLF
CHASING
A
RABBIT?

SO
WHAT
NOW?



LEGOSHI!

IF YOU
DON'T HURRY
UP AND
STOP ME,
I'LL KILL THAT
COCKY
GIRAFFE!

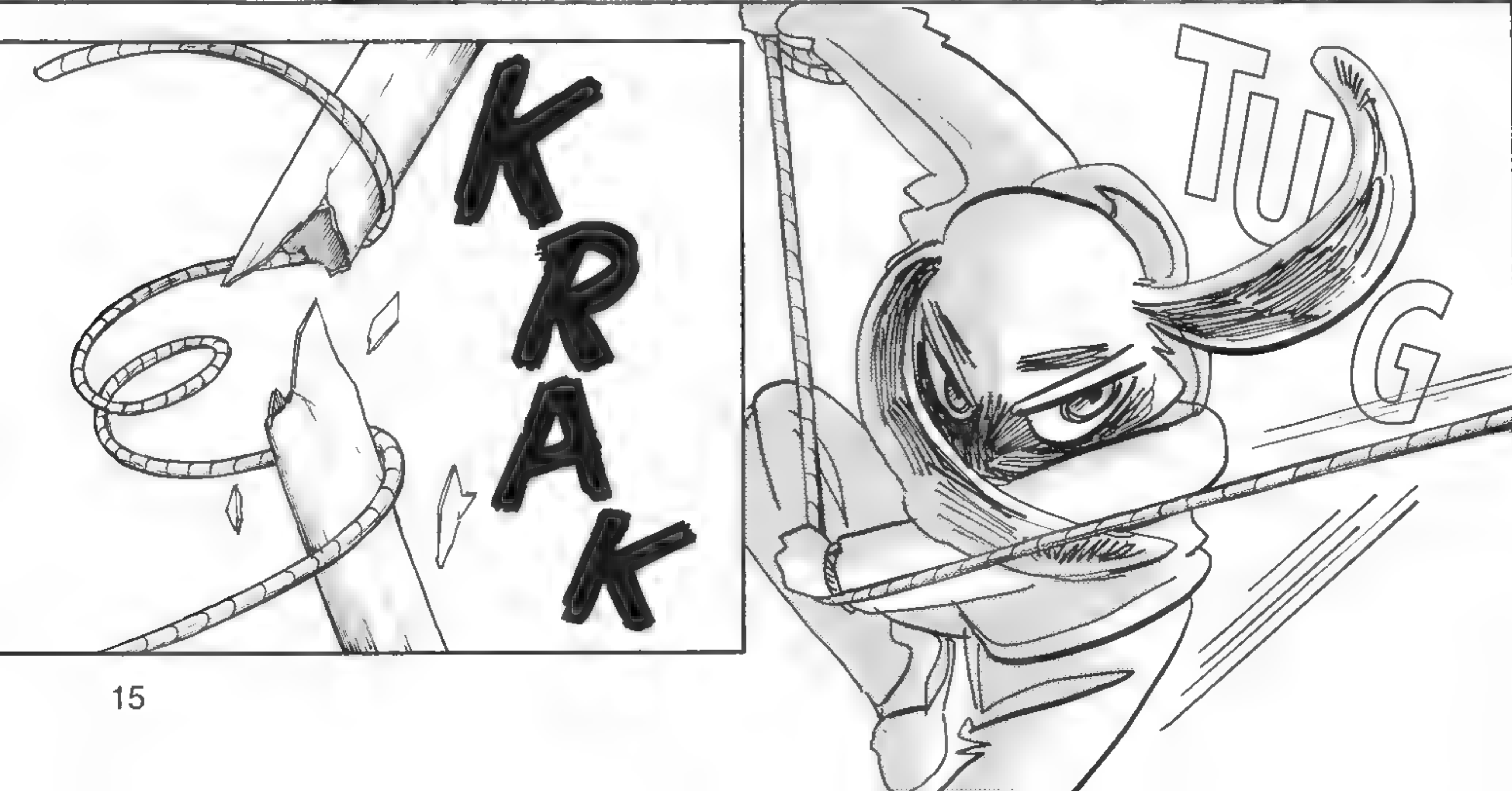
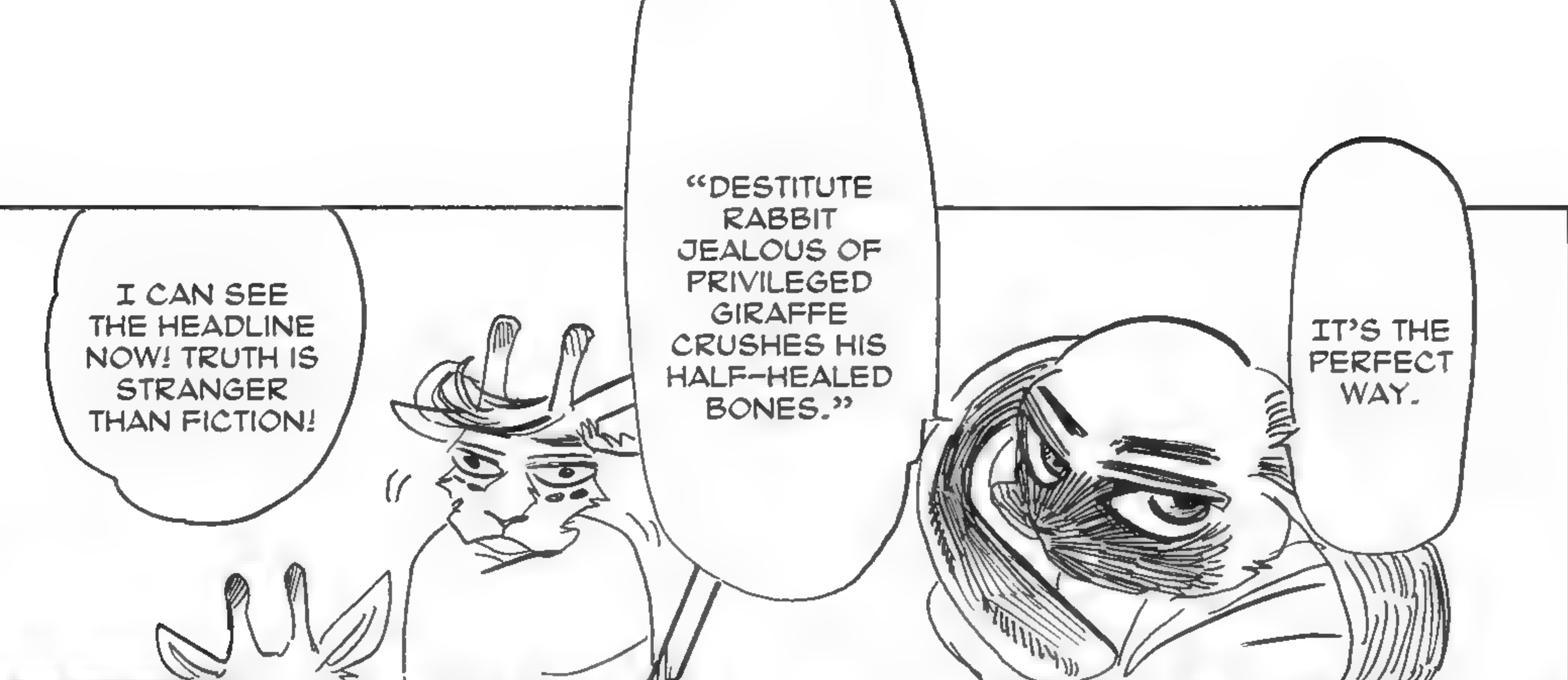


THIS
IS THE
WRONG
WAY TO
TRAIN
ME!

KYU,
I'M CON-
FUSED!

SHE SAID SHE'LL TRIP
HIM AND MAKE HIM
FALL...BUT NOW SHE'S
SAYING SHE'LL KILL
HIM!

NO!
I'M GOING TO
RESCUE THAT
INNOCENT
GIRAFFE!
HE DOESN'T
DESERVE
THIS!





**I'M
SCARED
THOUGH...**



**REALLY
SCARED...**



**I HAVE TO
STRAIGHTEN
THE TABLECLOTH.
REGAIN CONTROL.
STOP PULLING THE
TABLECLOTH.**







GO AHEAD!
BITE AND
DEVOUR ME!
JUST KEEP
UP YOUR
OFFENSIVE!

I'VE FINALLY
FOUND THE
KEY TO HIS
TRAINING!

LEGOSHI IS
THE FIRST
CARNIVORE
WHO'S COME
AT ME WITH
EVERYTHING
HE'S GOT.

I DON'T
WANT TO
BITE HER! I
DON'T WANT
TO DEVOUR
HER! LOUIS
WAS THE
FIRST AND
LAST BEAST
I WILL EVER
DEVOUR!

NO!

MY
SAVAGERY...
FOCUSING...
IN MY MOUTH...



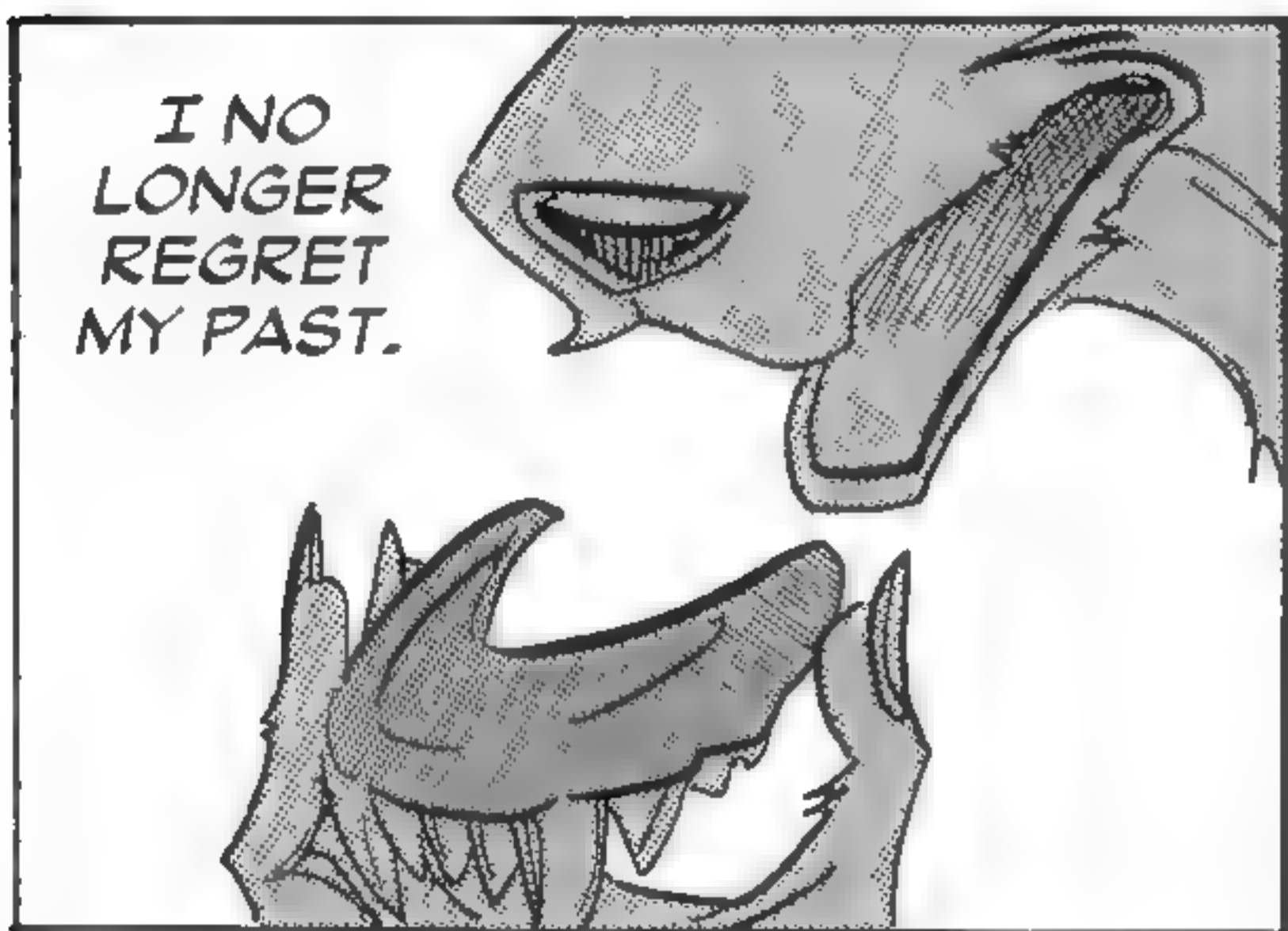
OH...

I DON'T
WANT
TO
DEVOUR...



I DON'T
WANT
TO BITE
HER!

I DON'T
WANT TO
DEVOUR
HER!



I NO
LONGER
REGRET
MY PAST.



...TO
ATONE
FOR MY
DEEDS, TO
COMMIT
TO MY
VALUES.

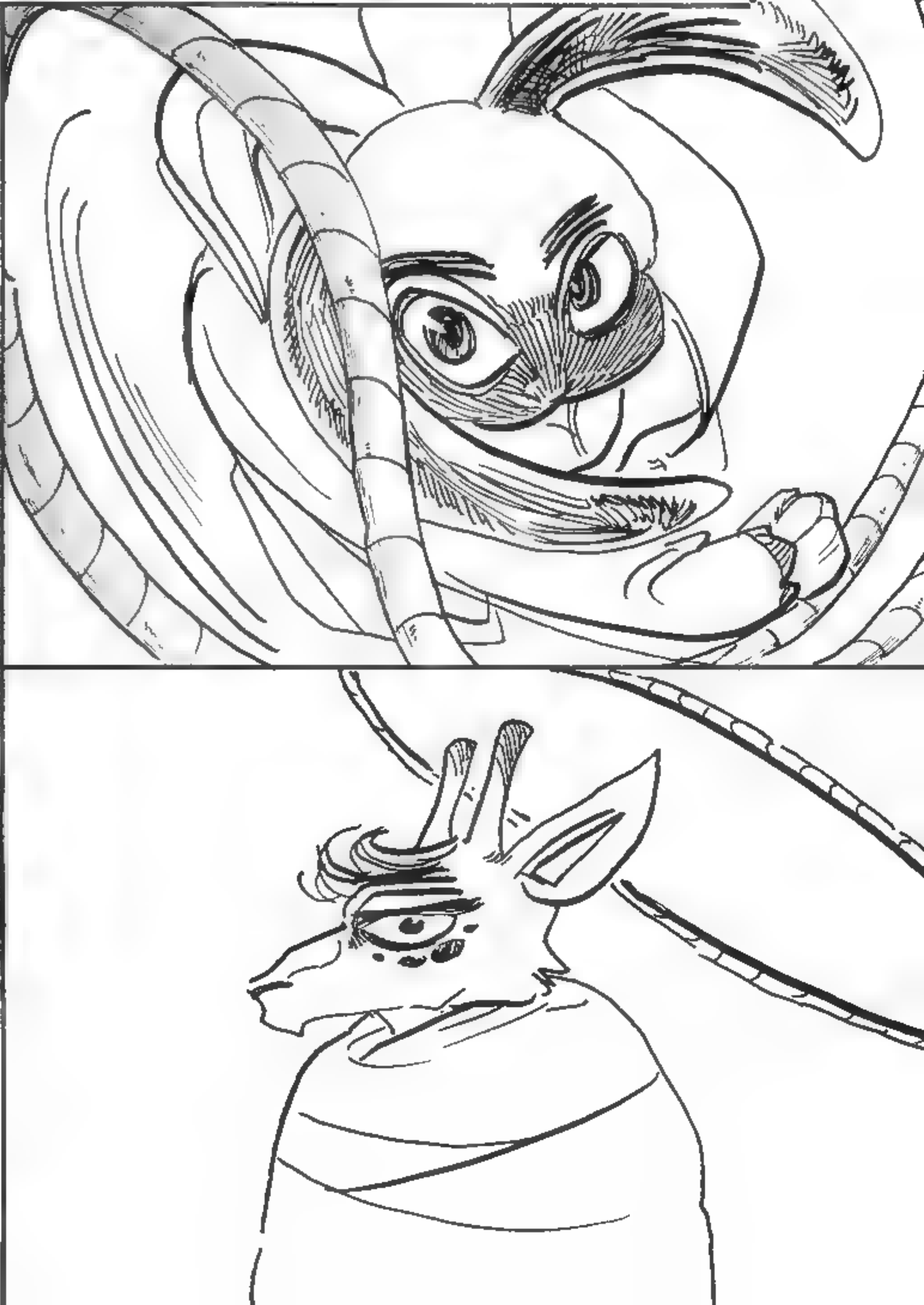
...I
DON'T
NEED MY
FANGTH
ANY-
MORE.

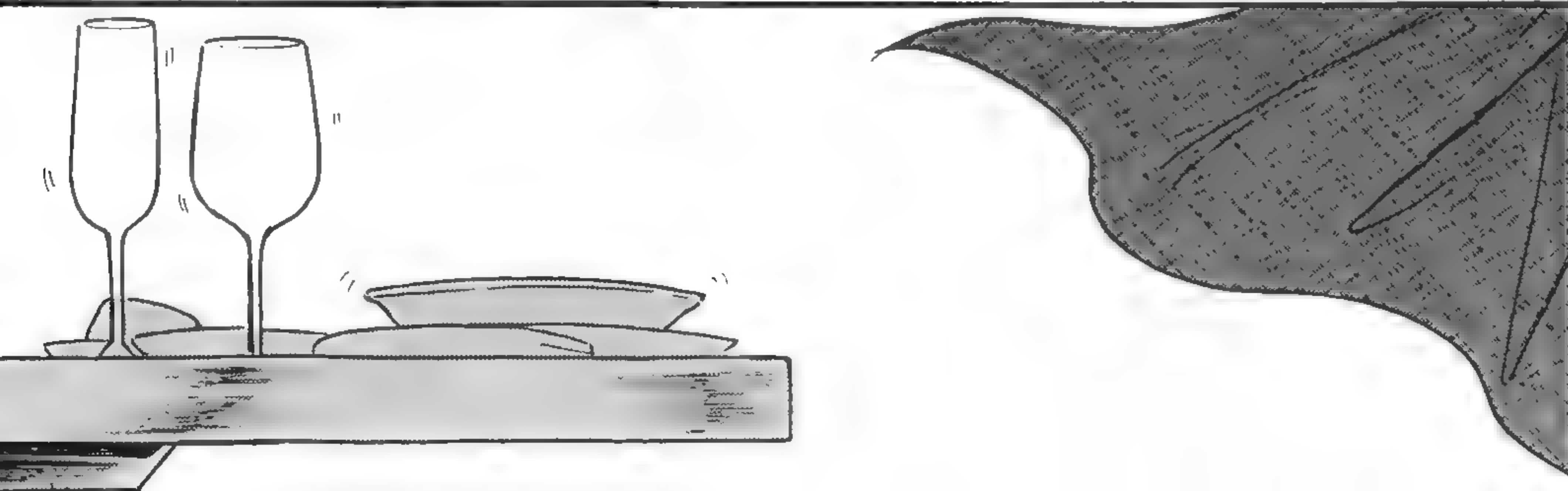
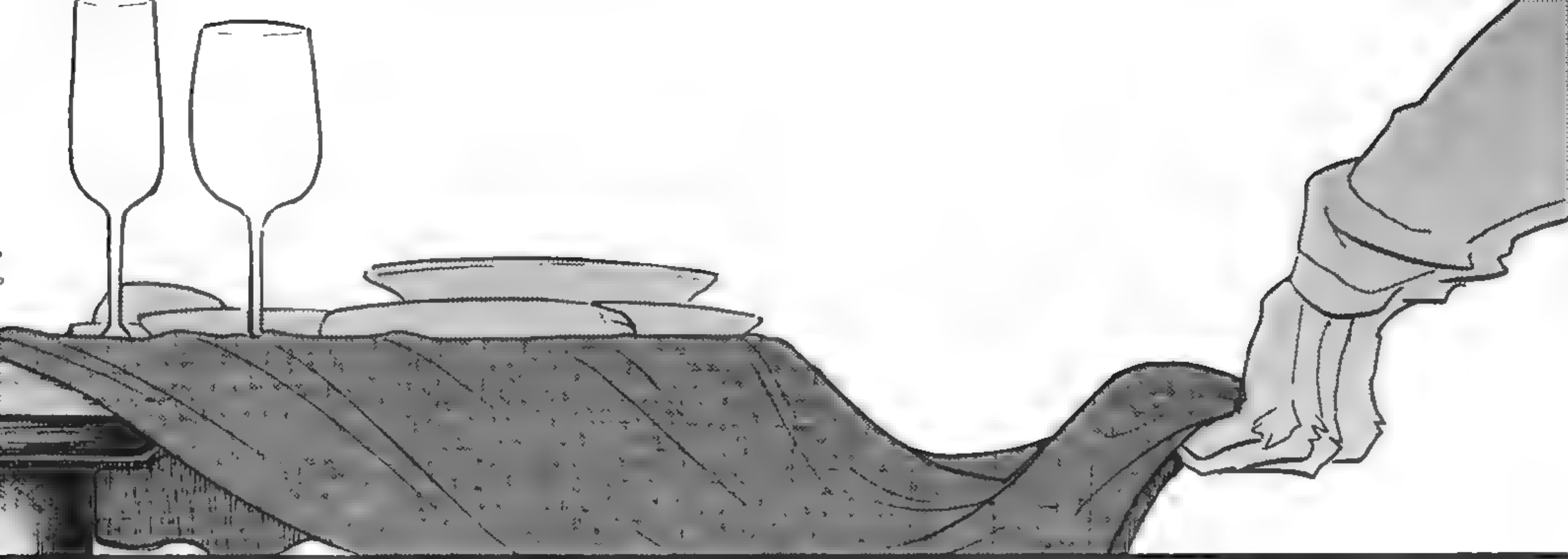
I
PULLED
OUT MY
BABY
FANGS...

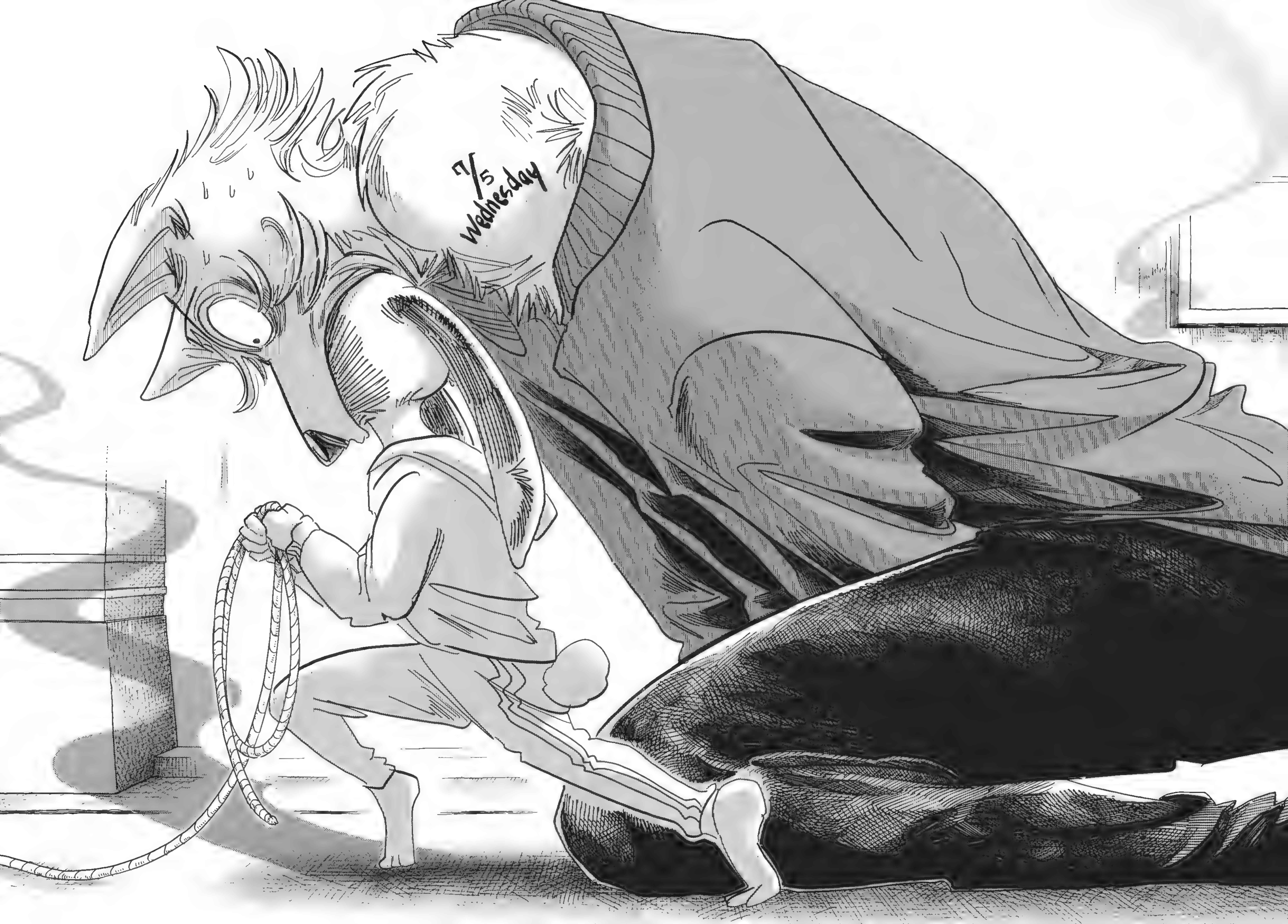


TABLE-
WARE
DOESN'T
ALWAYS
FALL
WHEN
YOU
PULL THE
TABLE-
CLOTH
OUT FROM
UNDER IT!

KYU!





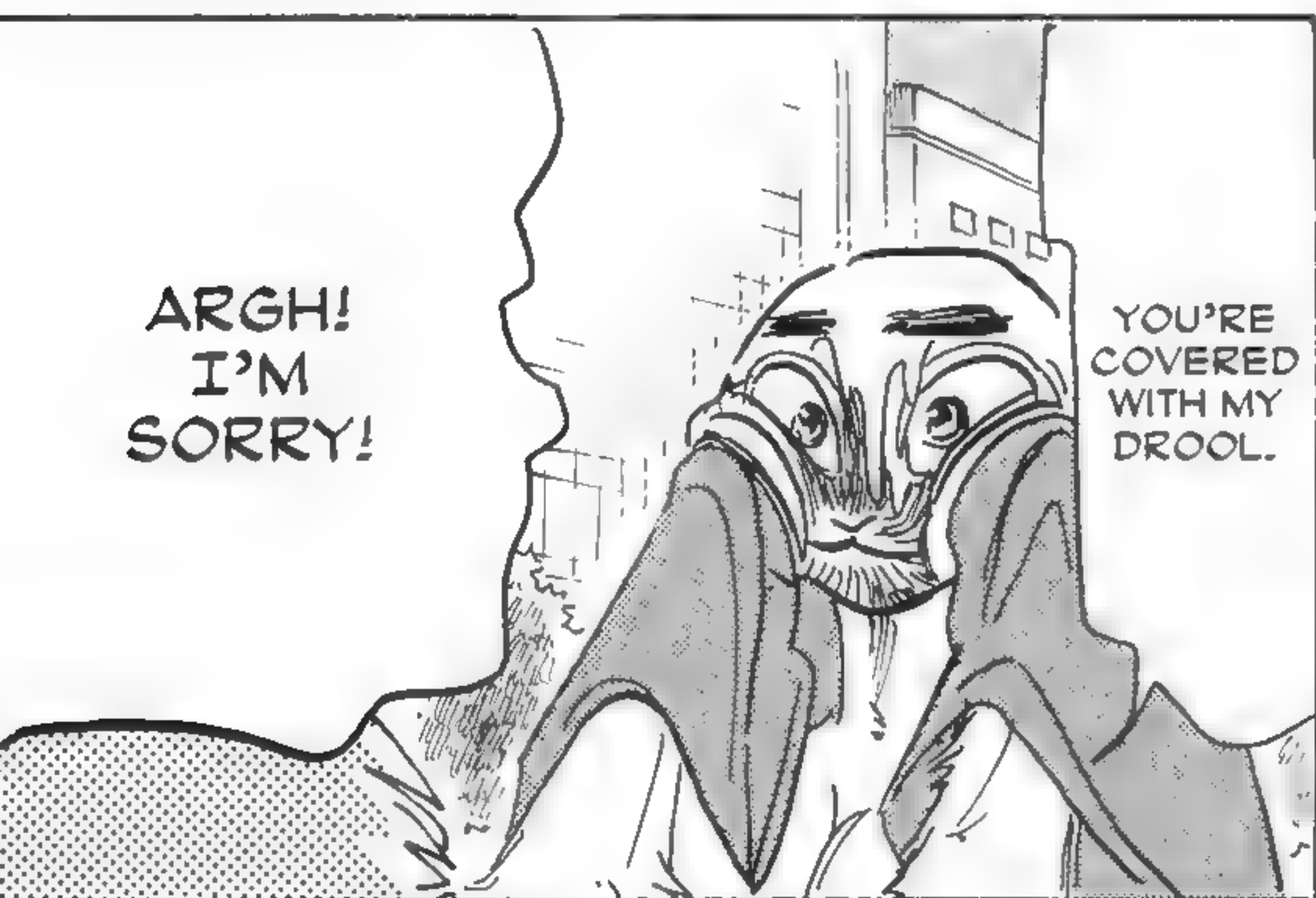


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YOU...
PULLED
YOUR FANGS
OUT.
YOU WEAR
DENTURES.



ARGH!
I'M
SORRY!

YOU'RE
COVERED
WITH MY
DROOL.



I DIDN'T HAVE
FANGS IN MY
MOUTH, BUT STILL...
I CAN'T BELIEVE
I DID THAT.
ARE YOU SURE I
DIDN'T HURT
YOU?!

I'M
SURE.



I'M
S-SORRY,
KYU...

V
I
P

DID I
HURT
YOU?



I THINK
THAT'S MY
TOOTH-
PASTE...



BUT FOR A
SECOND THERE,
I FELT LIKE I
WAS CROSSING
THE RIVER SANZU
TO THE LAND OF
THE DEAD...AND
IT TASTED MINTY
FRESH!



SORRY, THAT'S
NOT THE POINT!
STILL, I'M GLAD
MY MOUTH
WAS CLEAN...

GOOD THING
I BRUSH
REGULARLY.



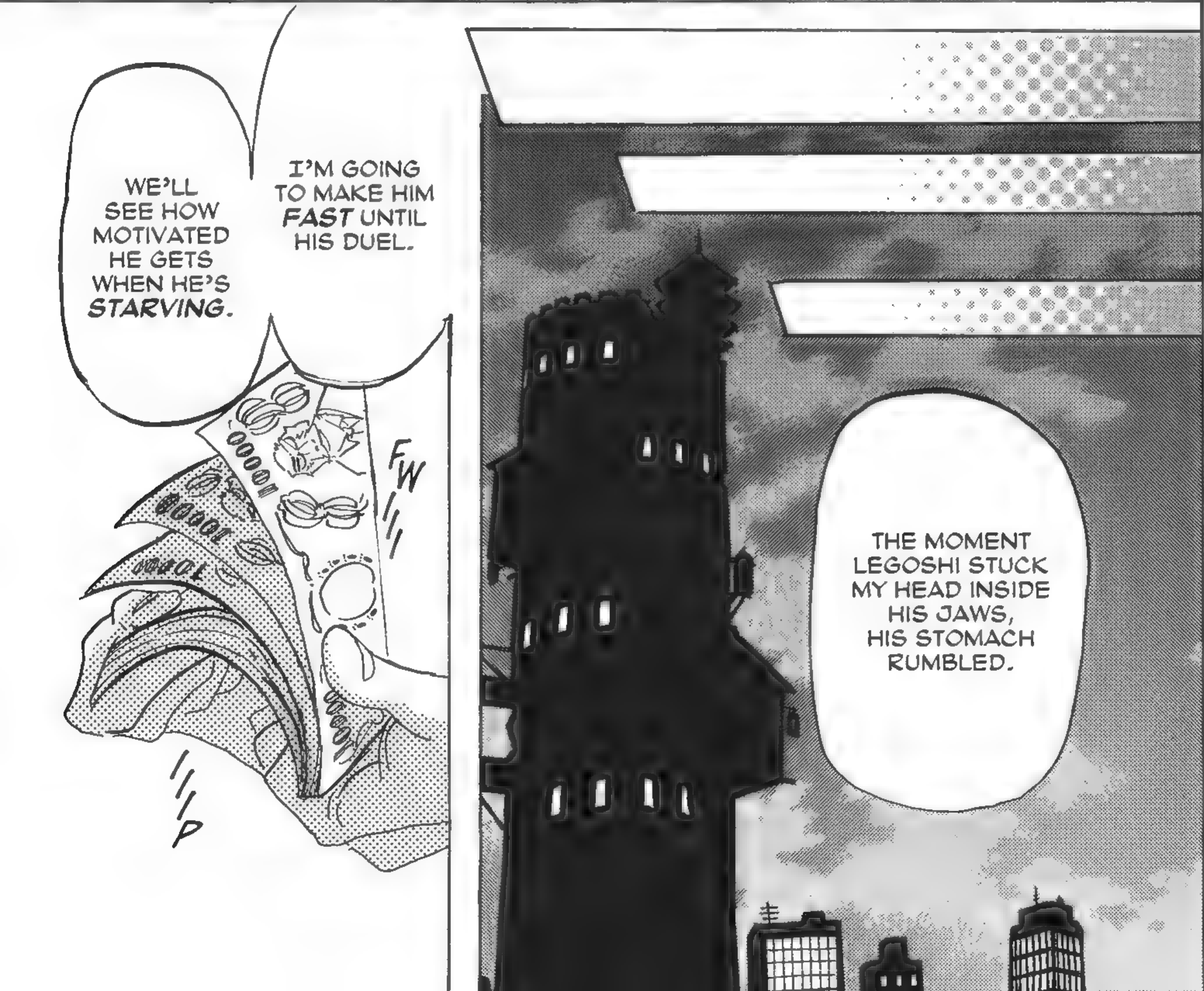
LET ME
WIPE MY
DROOL
OFF YOU
FIRST...

UM...
HOLD
ON.

Really?

YOU
DO?

LEGOSHI...
NOW I
KNOW
WHAT YOU
NEED TO
DO TO
PREPARE
FOR YOUR
FINAL
BATTLE!



WE'LL
SEE HOW
MOTIVATED
HE GETS
WHEN HE'S
STARVING.

I'M GOING
TO MAKE HIM
FAST UNTIL
HIS DUEL.

THE MOMENT
LEGOSHI STUCK
MY HEAD INSIDE
HIS JAWS,
HIS STOMACH
RUMBLED.



IS THIS THE
VALUE OF
YOUR INTEL?



THAT'S UP TO
YOU, MELON.



I DON'T
KNOW.

UNTIL LEGOSHI OPENED HIS JAWS AND CLOSED
THEM AROUND MY HEAD...

...I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST AN
URBAN LEGEND...

BEASTS SAY THE INSIDE OF A
CARNIVORE'S MOUTH IS THE
CLOSEST PLACE TO DEATH FOR
AN HERBIVORE.

SO IF YOU ENTER IT...

...YOU'LL SEE THE RIVER SANZU.

AS EMPTY
AS I AM
POOR.

THE
LAND WAS
BARREN.

MY
RIVER HAD
ALMOST
DRIED UP.



I HAD NO
MONEY FOR
SCHOOLING
AFTER I
ESCAPED MY
FATE IN THE
TOWER.



CARNIVORES
ASSESSED
MY VALUE
THROUGH
MY CAGE
BARS.



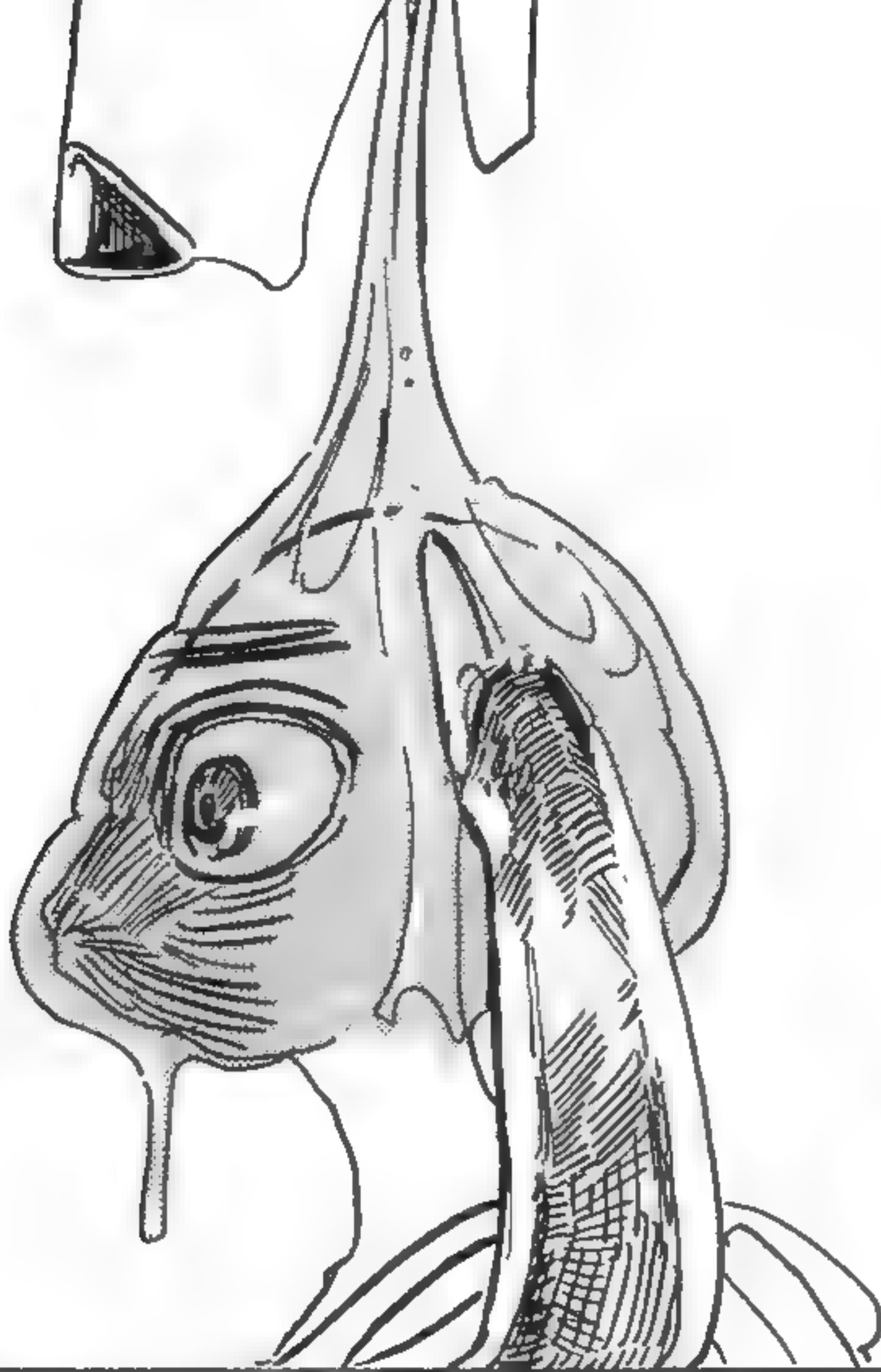
MY PARENTS
SOLD ME TO
BE DEVoured
ALIVE WHEN
I WAS STILL
A KIT. THEY
NEEDED THE
MONEY.



SO THIS
RIVER
REPRE-
SENTS MY
21 YEARS
OF LIFE...



IT'S A
SAD TALE.



SH
LO
RD

I WANT
MY SANZU
RIVER TO BE
KNEE-DEEP
AT LEAST.
I WANT TO
CROSS IT
THINKING,
"MY LIFE
WASN'T TOO
MISERABLE
AFTER ALL."
OR IS THAT
WISHFUL
THINKING?

I DON'T
WANT TO
BE POOR
AND
UNFUL-
FILLED
WHEN I
DIE.

Did I
hurt
you?

I'm s-
sorry,
Kyu...



IS THERE
SO MUCH
WATER
FLOWING IN
HIS SANZU
RIVER THAT
IT WOULD
DROWN
HIM?



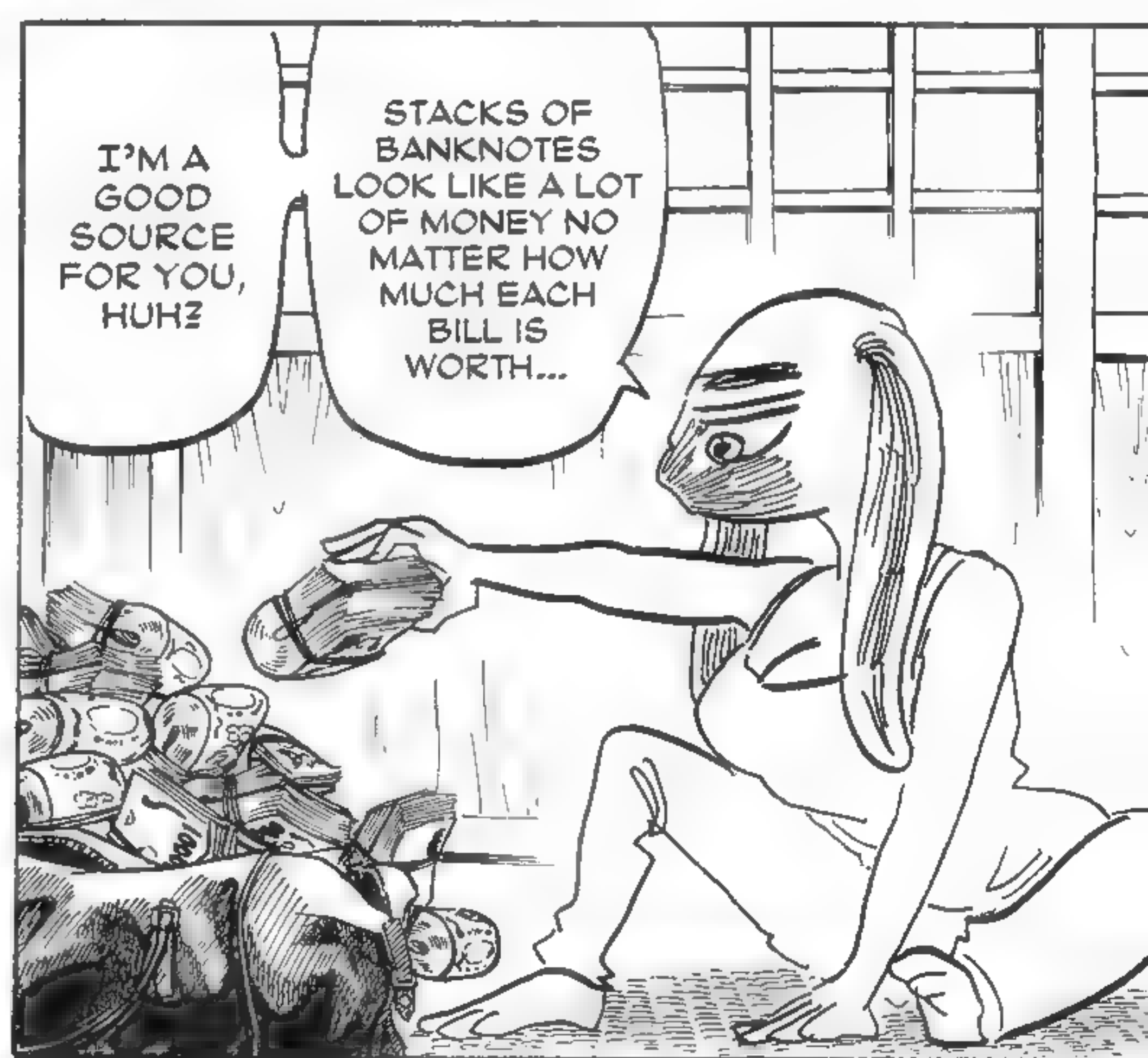


...I'D SOLD
LEGOSHI'S
INFOR-
MATION TO
MELON.

THEN,
BEFORE
I KNEW
IT...



KEEP ME
UPDATED ON
LEGOSHI. LET
THE MONEY
WASH AWAY
YOUR GUILT.



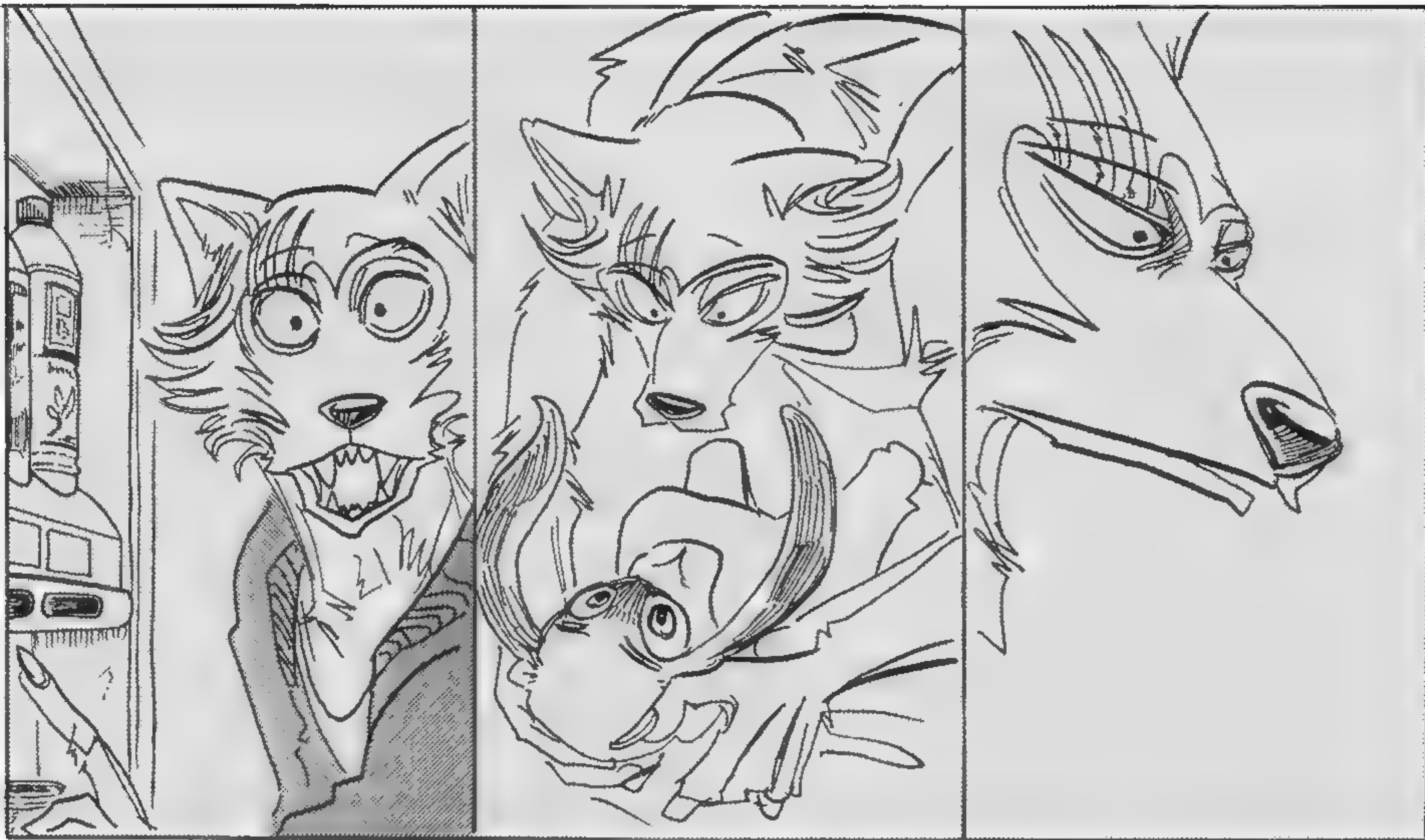
I'M A
GOOD
SOURCE
FOR YOU,
HUH?

STACKS OF
BANKNOTES
LOOK LIKE A LOT
OF MONEY NO
MATTER HOW
MUCH EACH
BILL IS
WORTH...



I JUST
WANT MY LIFE
TO BE A
LITTLE MORE
COMFORTABLE.

YOU KNOW
WHAT? I DON'T
CARE WHETHER
YOU WIN OR NOT.
I DON'T CARE WHAT
HAPPENS TO THE
BLACK MARKET
AFTER YOUR
VICTORY.

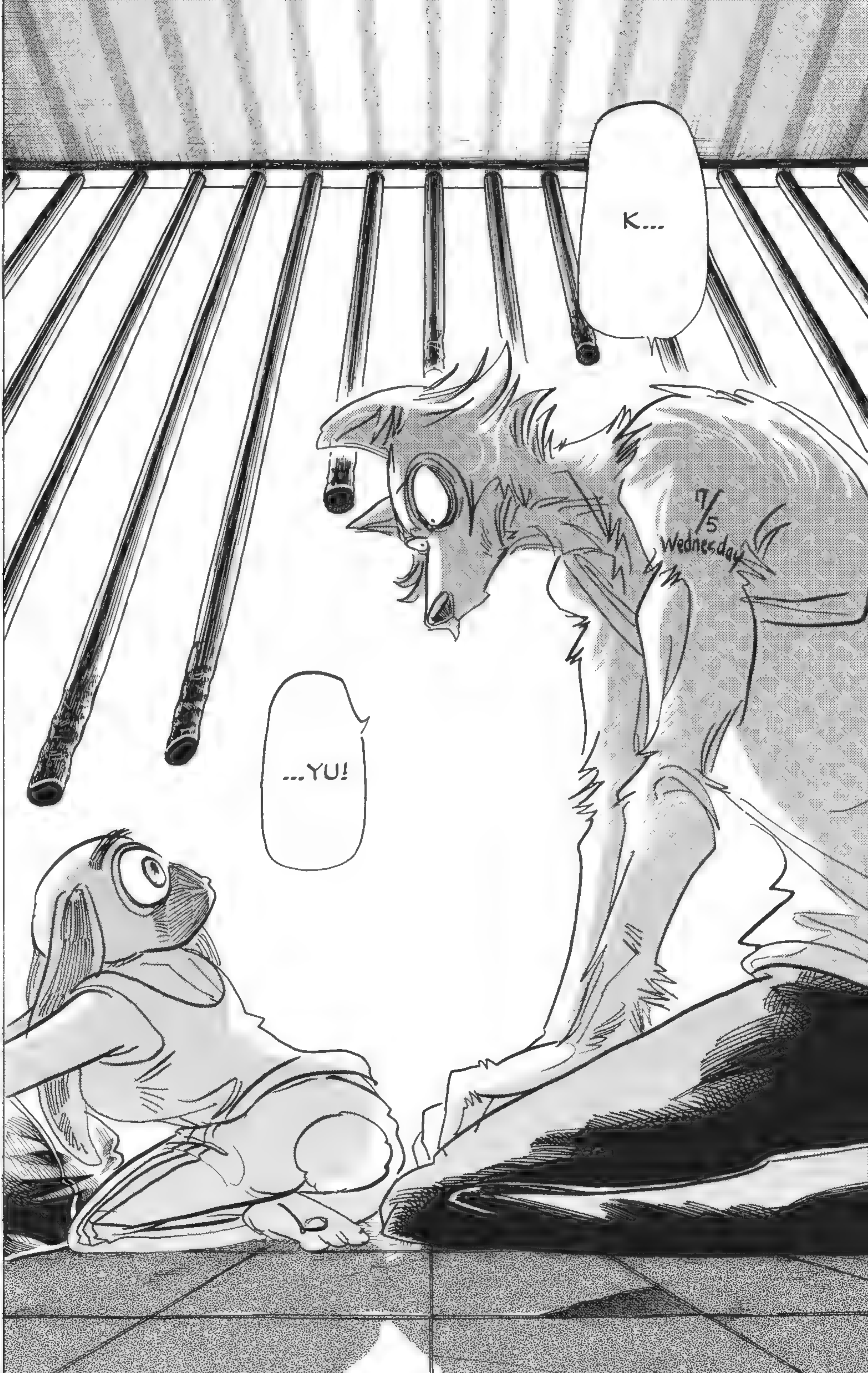


IN MY
WORLD,
BEASTS
SELL
BEASTS.
THAT'S
HOW IT IS.

BEASTS
ARE
ALWAYS
SELLING
ME.

KYU...

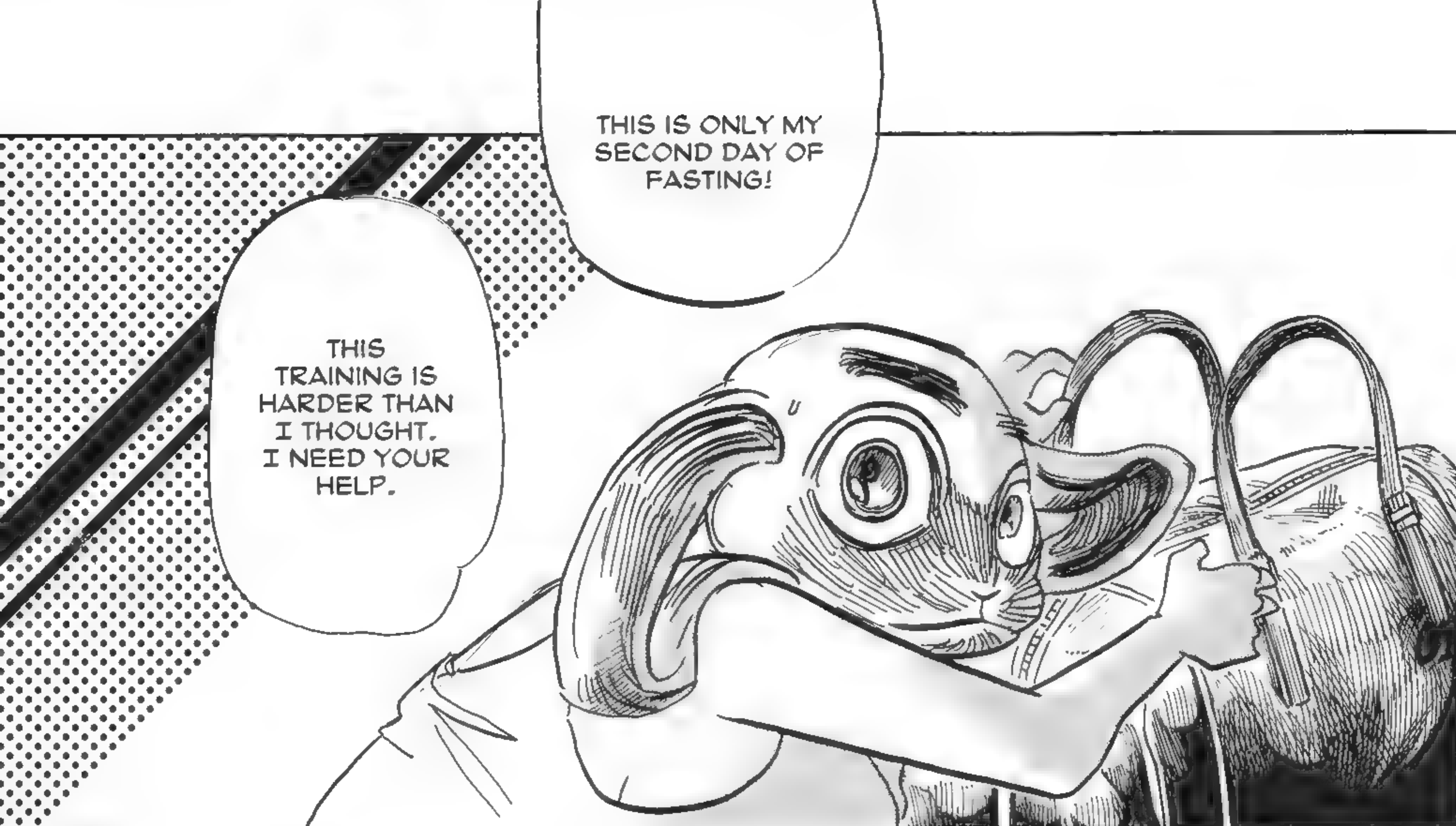




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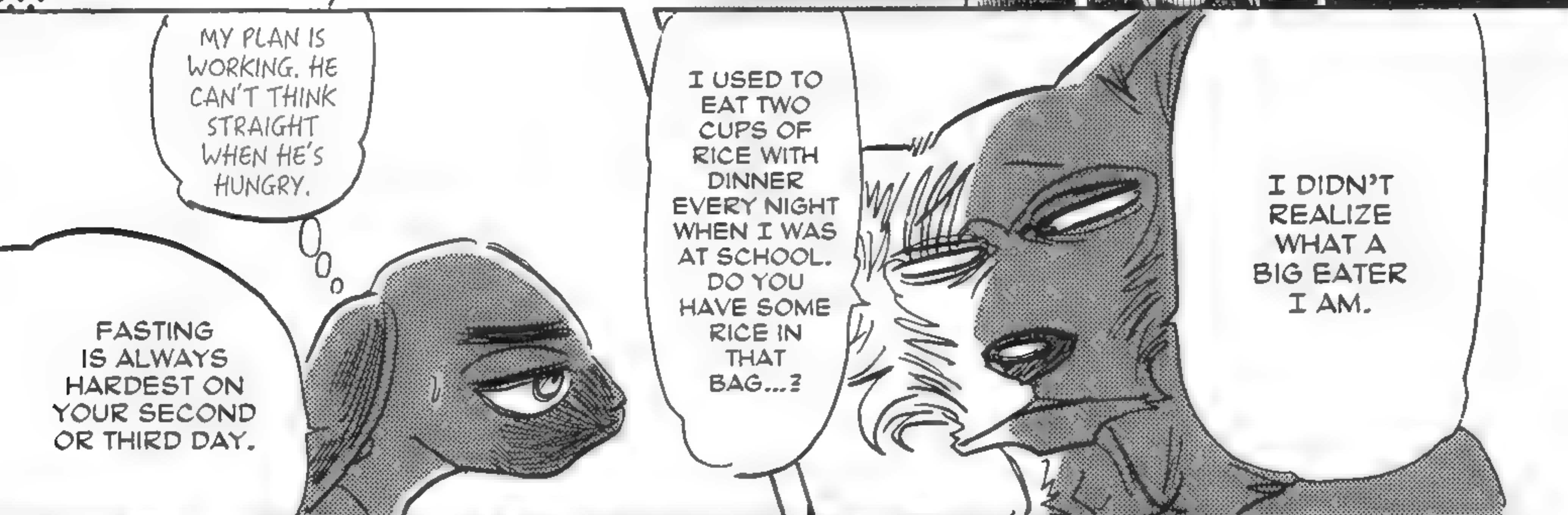
...YU!

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THIS IS ONLY MY
SECOND DAY OF
FASTING!

THIS
TRAINING IS
HARDER THAN
I THOUGHT.
I NEED YOUR
HELP.



MY PLAN IS
WORKING. HE
CAN'T THINK
STRAIGHT
WHEN HE'S
HUNGRY.

FASTING
IS ALWAYS
HARDEST ON
YOUR SECOND
OR THIRD DAY.

I USED TO
EAT TWO
CUPS OF
RICE WITH
DINNER
EVERY NIGHT
WHEN I WAS
AT SCHOOL.
DO YOU
HAVE SOME
RICE IN
THAT
BAG...?

I DIDN'T
REALIZE
WHAT A
BIG EATER
I AM.



I GUESS
SO...

YOUR
STOMACH
RUMBLERD WHEN
YOU TOOK MY
HEAD IN YOUR
JAWS.

UM...
MAY I MAKE
A REQUEST
THOUGH?

HUNGER
WILL BRING
OUT THE
DEEPEST
RESERVES
OF YOUR
SAVAGE
NATURE.



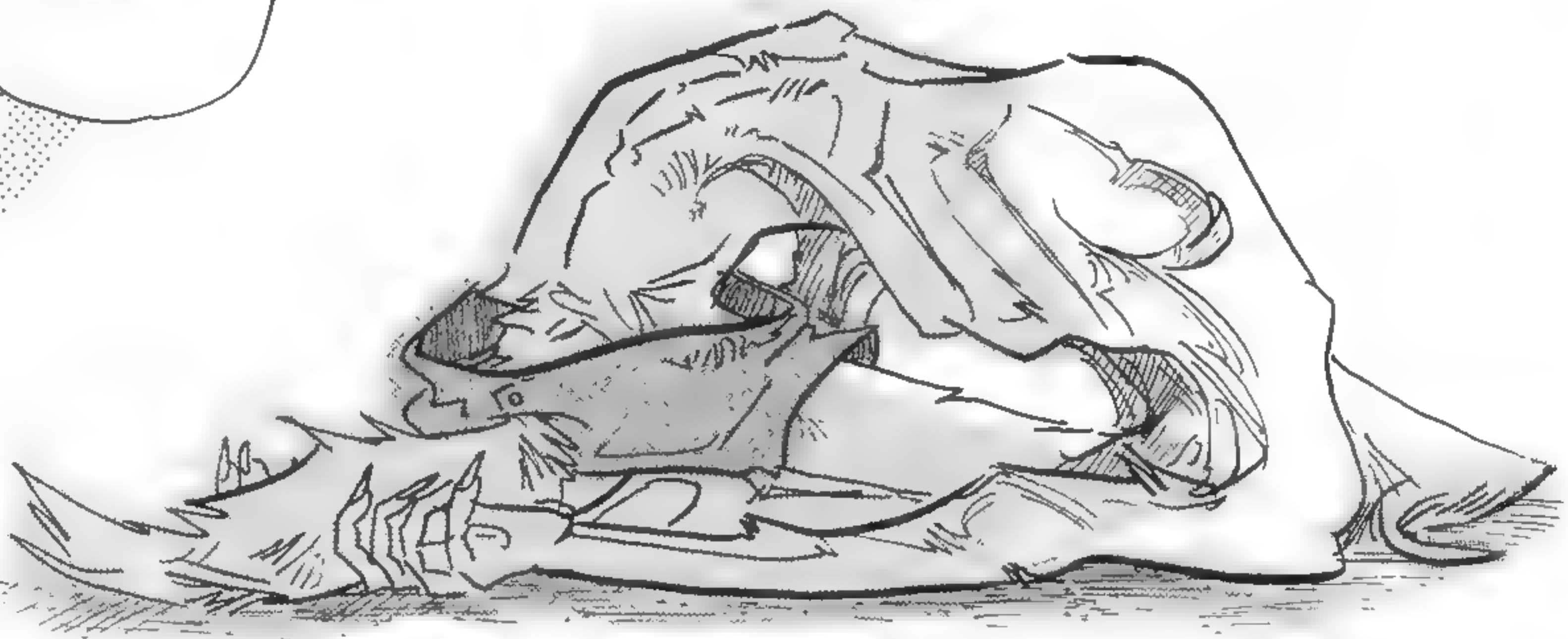


IT'S
POWERFUL.

THAT'S
RIGHT.

NICE?!
CARRIES
WEIGHT?!

"STAY" IS A
SPECIAL
WORD FOR
US CANIDAE.
I'LL OBEY
YOUR
COMMAND.



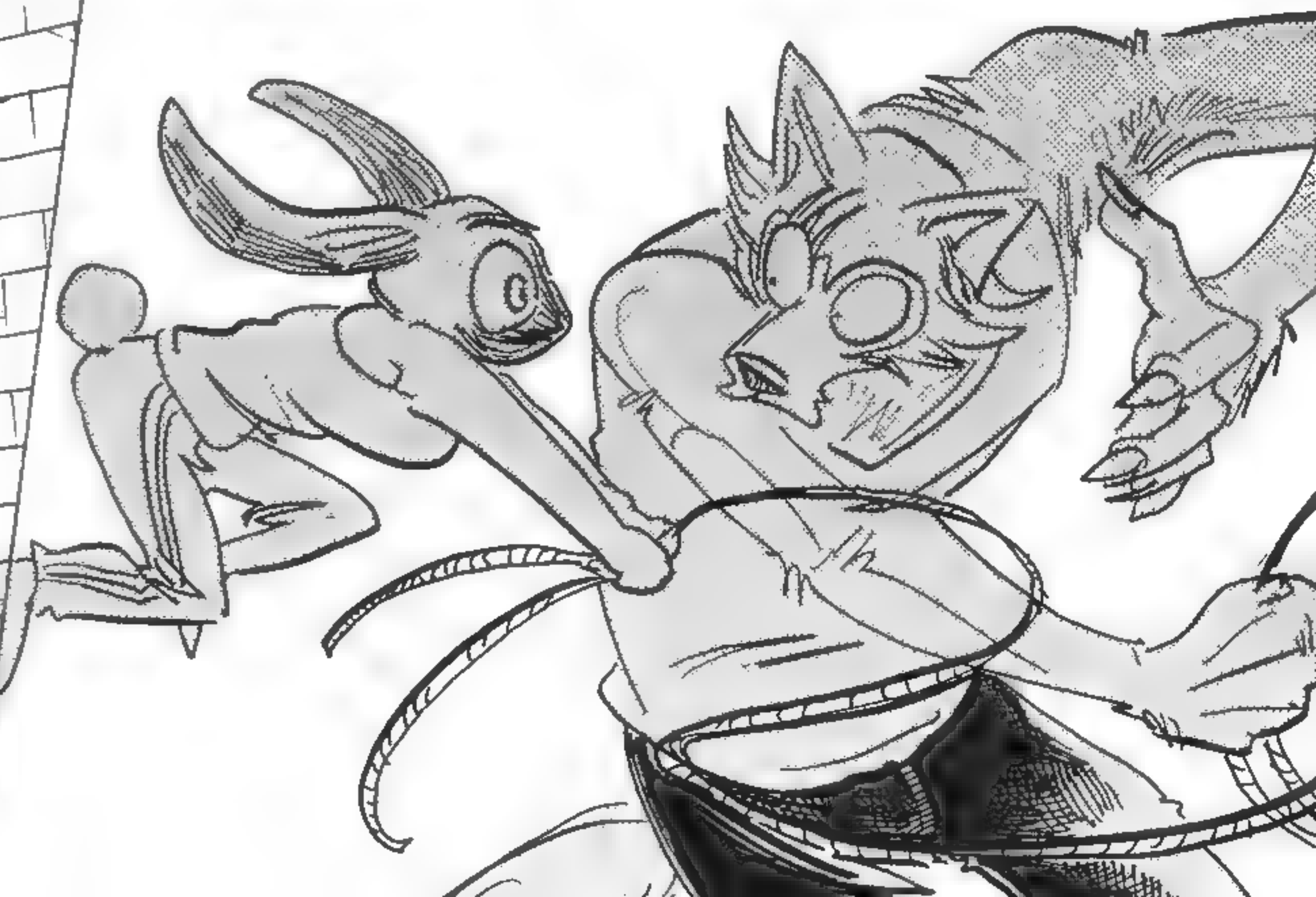
I'M A
COWARD.
THAT'S
WHY I'M
SO POOR.

I'M
IMAGINING
LEGOSHI
SACRIFICING
HIMSELF
ON MY
COMMAND.
WHAT'S
WRONG WITH
ME?

WHAT
AM I
DOING...?

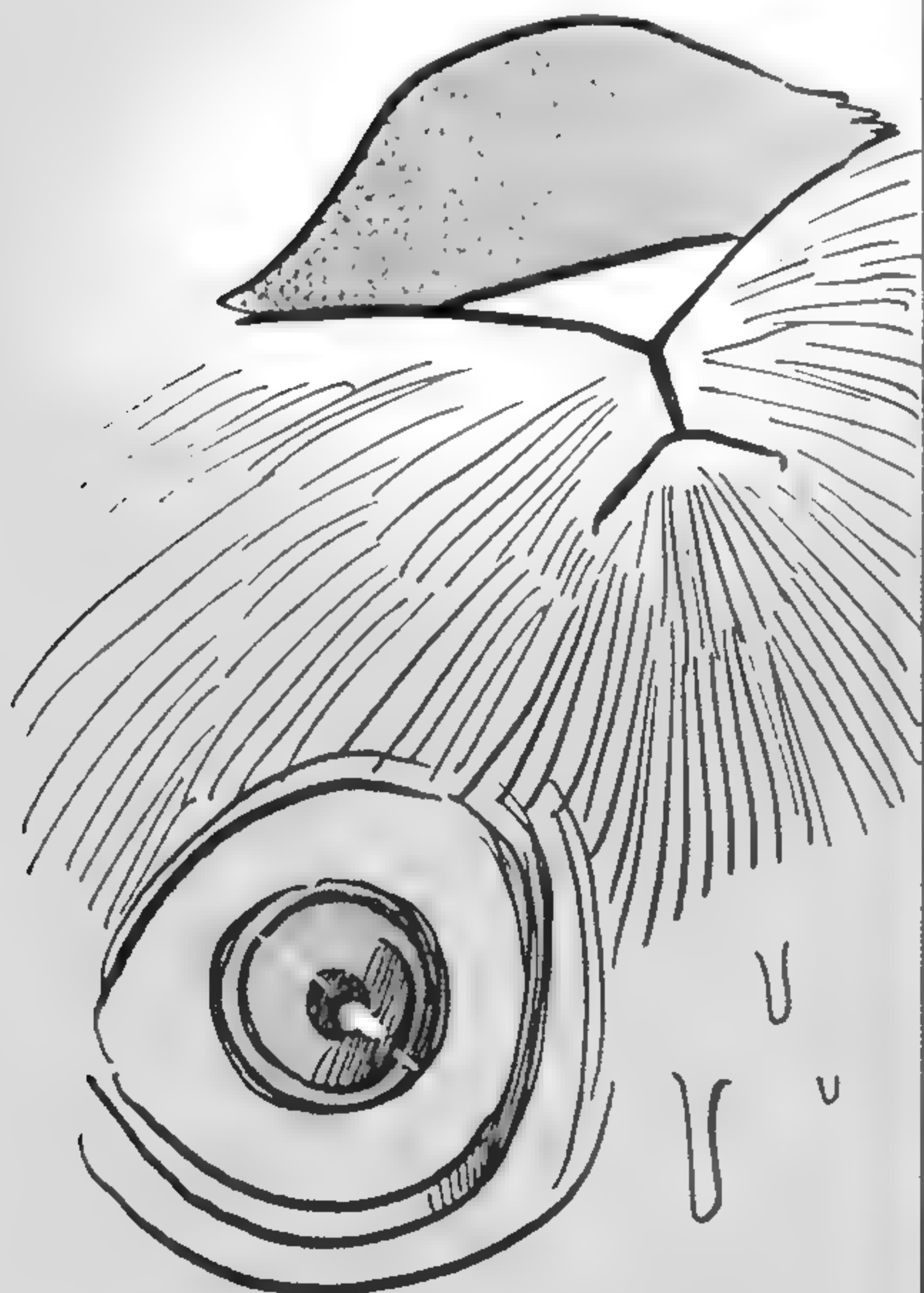






BUT TO
SAY THE
LETTER
"S," WE
NEED TO
HOLD OUR
JAWS TO-
GETHER.

TOGETHER
THEY
FORM A
Y SHAPE.
WE CAN
MOVE OUR
LOWER JAW
UP AND
DOWN...



...KYUZ

IT'S JUST
FOUR LITTLE
LETTERS, LIKE
YOU SAID! WHY
WON'T YOU
SAY IT...

IS THERE
SOMETHING
YOU'RE NOT
TELLING
ME?
JUST
START
WITH THE
LETTER
"S"...



S...

NNGH...

S...

...HE'S
GETTING
VIOLENT!



THIS
WOLF
IS SO
HUNGRY
...

AS
MAMMALS,
OUR NOSE AND
MOUTH ARE
CONNECTED.



ARGH!

...STUPID!

S-S...

S-S

WE CANIDAE
ARE GOOD AT
WAITING.
IT'S OUR
THING.

HE'S SO
WEIRD! I
CAN USE
THAT TO MY
ADVANTAGE
THOUGH...

YOU
CALLED
ME
STUPID.
NOW I'M
EVEN
MORE
HUN-
GRY.

OUR BLOOD
PRESSURE
RISES UNTIL
WE HEAR THE
WORDS
"GOOD DOG."

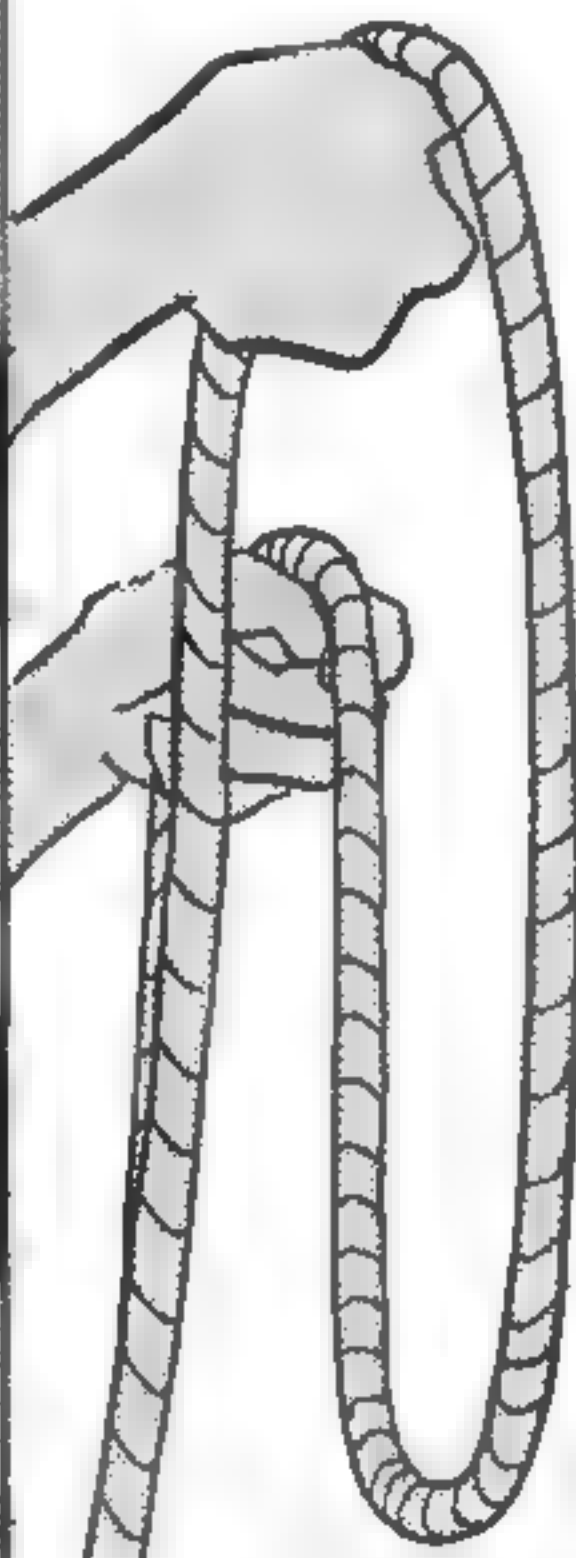
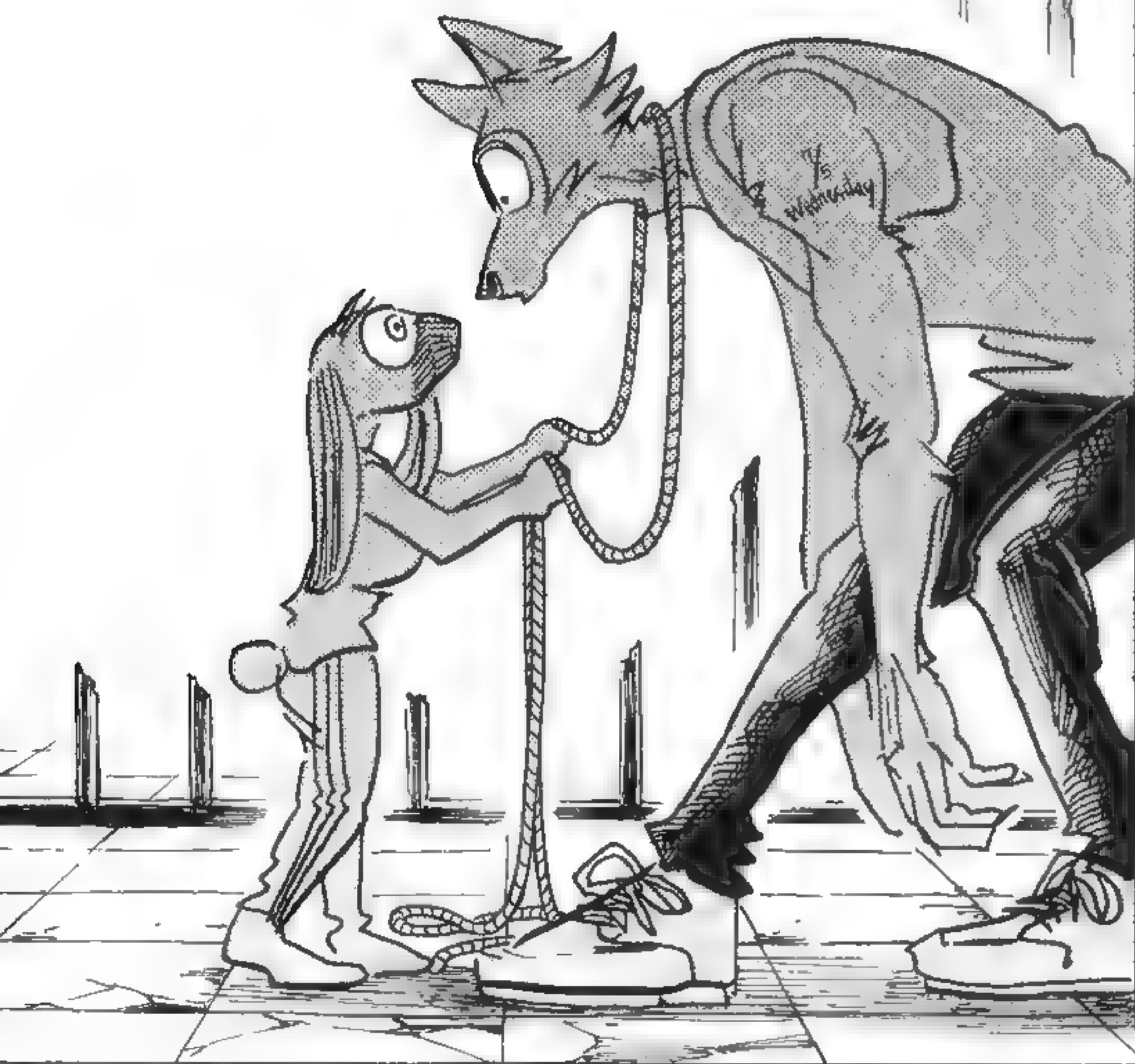
WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?!

I GUESS THAT'S WHY
I WAS ABLE TO WAIT
SO PATIENTLY FOR
MY MOTHER WHEN
SHE PROMISED THAT
SOMEDAY WE'D LIVE
TOGETHER AGAIN.
I TRUSTED HER
WHEN SHE TOLD
ME TO STAY.

HE ACCEPTS
HIS CANIDAE
NATURE.

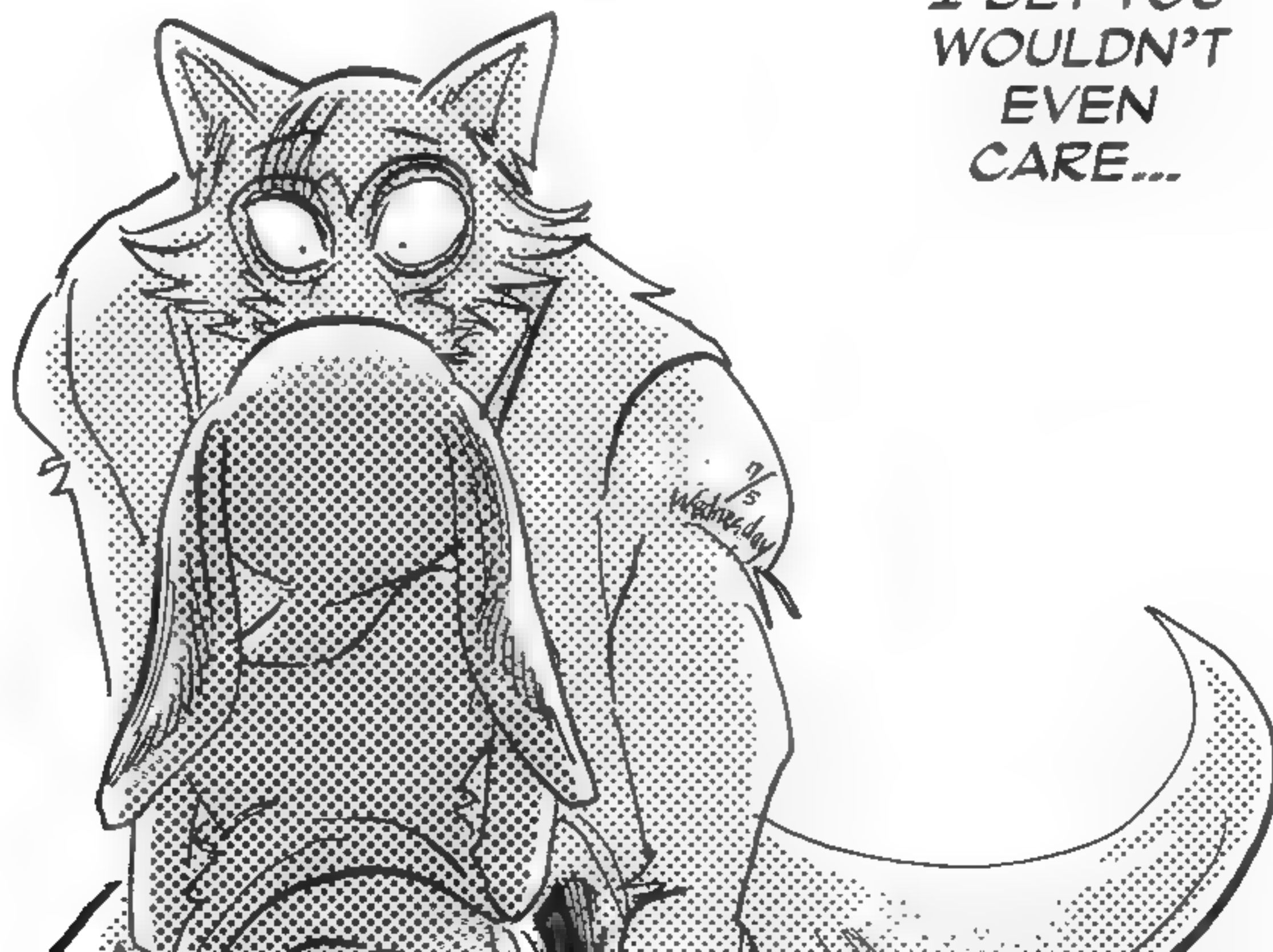
VIOLENT.
A GOODY-
GOODY.

HE'S
STUPID.
CRAZY.



...THAT I
BETRAYED
YOU FOR
MONEY.

I BET YOU
WOULDN'T
EVEN
CARE...



AND WHEN
I FINALLY
TELL YOU,
"GOOD DOG"

STAY...

STAY,
LEGOSHI.

...YOU
MAY
DEVOUR
ME...

I'M
WEAK.

SO
PLEASE...

PLEASE...

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DO YOU
MEAN...



...THAT WHEN
YOU TELL ME
I'M A GOOD
DOG, I'LL BE
READY TO
DEFEAT
MELON?



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I'LL
OBEY
UNTIL
YOU
RELEASE
ME.

BOW

THANK
YOU FOR
COMMANDING
ME WITH SUCH
AUTHORITY!



MY
PAWS ARE
RELAXING.

SEE?
I FEEL
BETTER
ALREADY.





I HOPE
LEGOSHI'S
ALL RIGHT.





One week until the final battle...

Chapter 172: Rexmas Red



Night



Evening



Morning



OF COURSE!
I'M GLAD WE
MANAGED
TO HAMMER
OUT AN
AGREEMENT.



THANKS
FOR
MEETING
ME.

Jingle
bells...
Jingle
bells...

...and
have a
Merry
Rexmas!

TOMORROW'S
REXMAS!
ARE YOU
CELEBRATING
WITH YOUR
FAMILY?

Oh what
fun it is
to ride...





TOMORROW'S
DECEMBER 25?



HAVE YOU
FINISHED
SHOPPING FOR
PRESENTS FOR
YOUR LITTLE
ONES?

YEP!
REXMAS
DAY.



I'M SORRY!
WAS IT
INAPPRO-
PRIATE
FOR ME TO
MENTION
THE BLACK
MARKET?



...IN THE
BLACK
MARKET
TOMOR-
ROW.

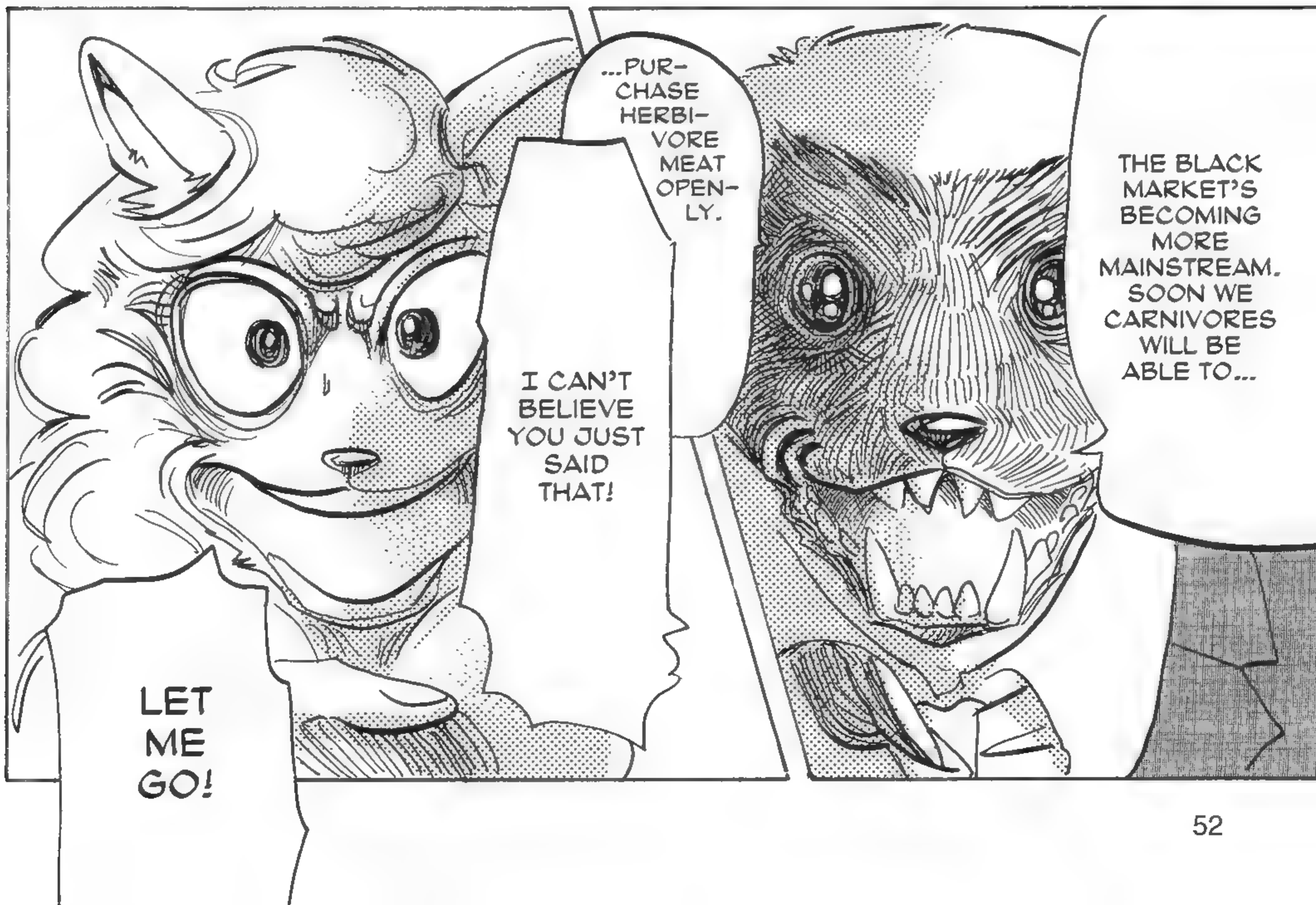


ACTUALLY,
I'M GOING
TO A SPECIAL
EVENT...



HUH? HAS
HE BEEN
DRINKING?

UM...
THAT'S
NOT
FUNNY!





ARE YOU
THAT
ENTHUSIASTIC
ABOUT
CLOSING
YOUR DEAL?

THAT'S
A VERY
LONG TIME
TO SHAKE
SOMEONE'S
HAND...



YOUR CLAWS
AREN'T MEANT
FOR SHAKING
HERBIVORE
HANDS.



NOW IF
YOU'LL
EXCUSE
ME...



THAT WAS
AWKWARD!



...EVEN
MENTION
THE BLACK
MARKET
AROUND
ME BE-
FORE.

SOME-
THING'S
NOT
RIGHT...

NO
CARNIVORE
CLIENT HAS
EVER DARED
TO...

...TO
OUR
CITY?!

WHAT'S
HAPPEN-
ING...



THINGS ARE
GOING TO
GET TENSE
TOMORROW.
IS LEGOSHI
STILL
PLANNING
TO DUEL
MELON?

THE SAFETY OF
OUR CITIZENRY
COMES FIRST!
WE CAN'T
AFFORD TO
UNDERESTIMATE
MELON'S
INFLUENCE.

YES,
SIR!

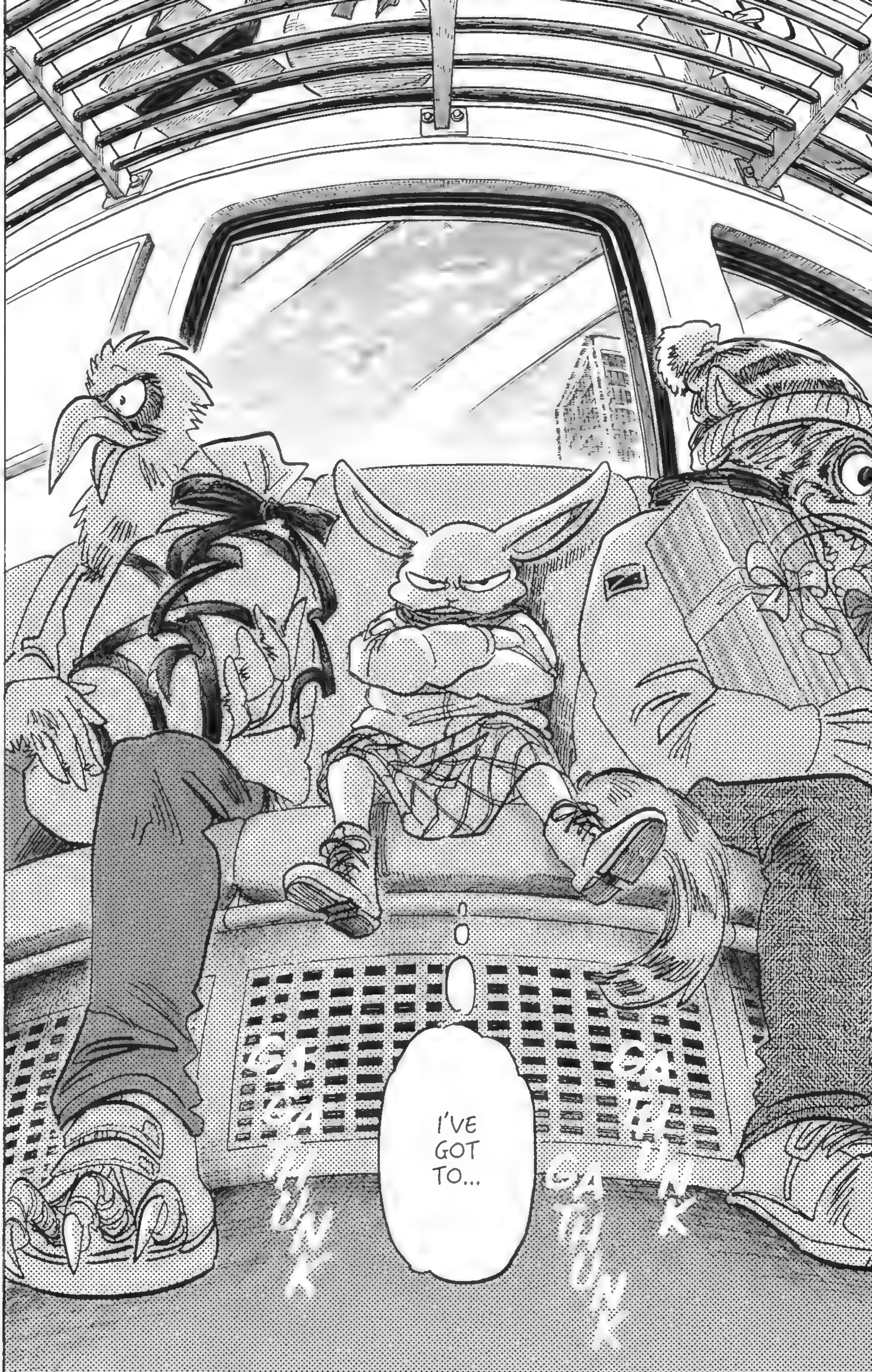
HAVE THE
SECURITY
OFFICERS
QUESTION
ALL
CARNIVORE-
HERBIVORE
COUPLES
IN THE
VICINITY OF
THE BLACK
MARKET.



WE HAVE TO...



...KEEP THE PEACE...



I'VE
GOT
TO...

CA
THUNK

CA
THUNK



...CELE-
BRATE
MY LAST
REXMAS
AS A
TEENAGER!

...DO
SOMETHING
TO...



DON'T
EXPECT
TOO MUCH.
HEY, WHAT
HAPPENED
TO YOUR
ARM?

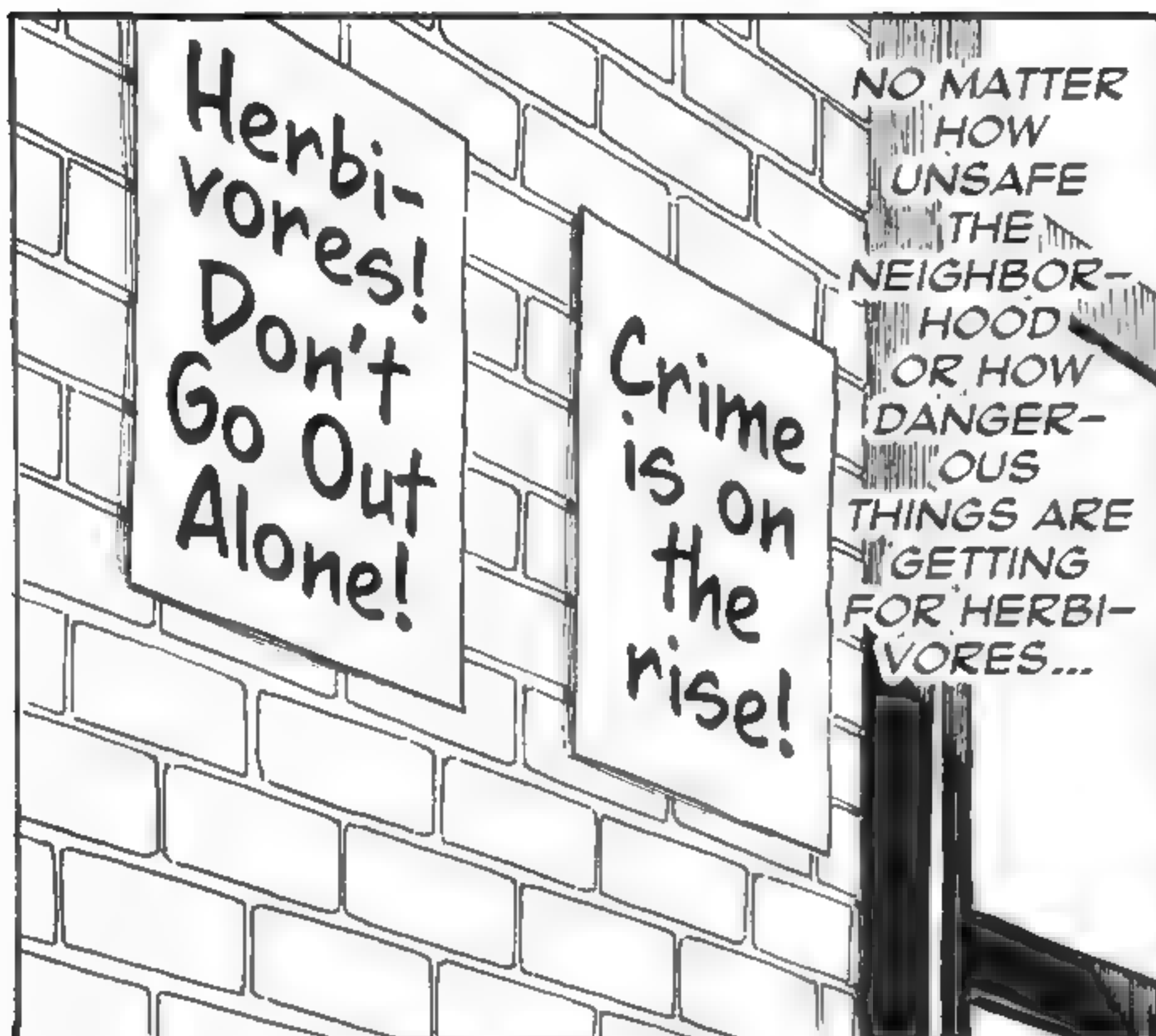
TOMOR-
ROW'S
REXMAS.
I HOPE
HE MADE
A NICE
DINNER
RESER-
VATION
FOR US.



THAT'S
SCARY.
CARNIVORES
ARE REALLY
GETTING
OUT OF LINE
LATELY.

THE
NERVE...
CAN YOU
BELIEVE
IT?

A PUMA
IN MY
SEMINAR
BIT ME OUT
OF THE
BLUE! SAID
IT WAS AN
ACCIDENT.
LIKE HIS
TEETH JUST
FELL INTO
MY ARM?

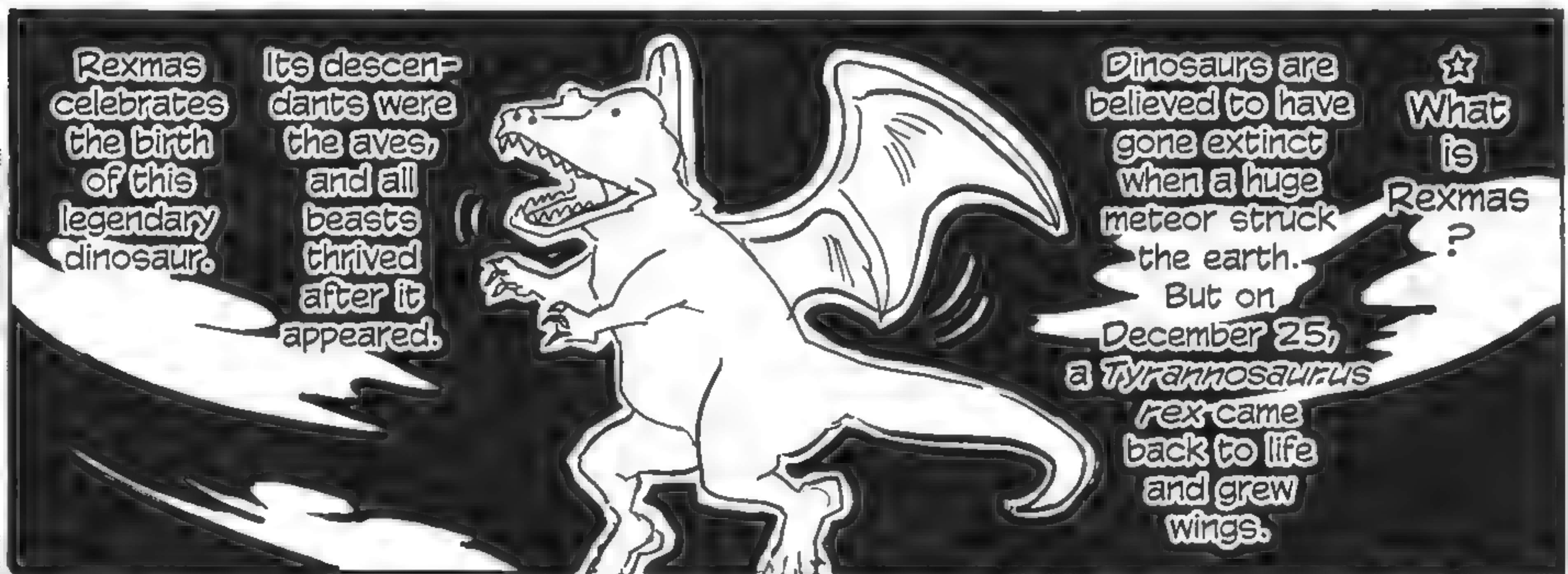




...KEEP
CARN-
VORES
AT A
DISTANCE.

THE
CONFIDENT
VIBE I'M
GIVING OFF
SHOULD...

I WANT
TO WISH
LEGOSHI
A MERRY
REXMAS
AND
HANG OUT
WITH HIM!



Rexmas
celebrates
the birth
of this
legendary
dinosaur.

Its descen-
dants were
the aves,
and all
beasts
thrived
after it
appeared.

Dinosaurs are
believed to have
gone extinct
when a huge
meteor struck
the earth.

But on
December 25,
a *Tyrannosaurus*
rex came
back to life
and grew
wings.

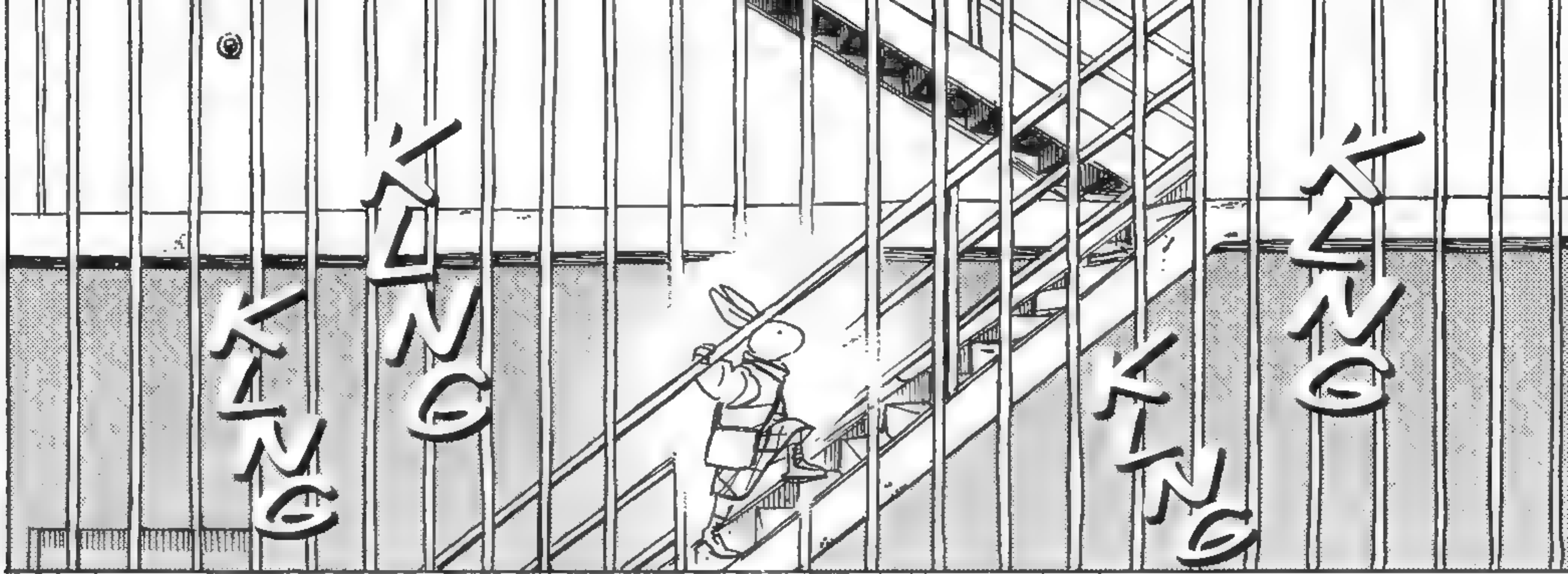
☆
What
is
Rexmas
?



DO I HAVE
TO FORCE
MY WAY
INTO THIS
CARNIVORE'S
STOMACH?

THAT WOLF
IS SUCH A
JERK! I CAN
FORGIVE HIM
FOR BLOWING
ME OFF LAST
YEAR, UNDER
THE CIRCUM-
STANCES, BUT
TWO YEARS
IN A ROW IS
TOO MUCH!

THIS IS A BIG
NIGHT FOR
COUPLES. WHY
DIDN'T HE PLAN
A DATE WITH
ME?!



"YOUR
WHOLE LIFE
LED UP TO
WHO YOU
ARE BEFORE
AND AFTER
MEETING
LEGOSHI."

"YOU'VE
ALWAYS
BEEN
YOU."



"MAYBE
YOU CAN
TALK SOME
SENSE
INTO HIM."

"HE'S
GOING TO BE
IN DANGER
AGAIN ON
DECEMBER 25."



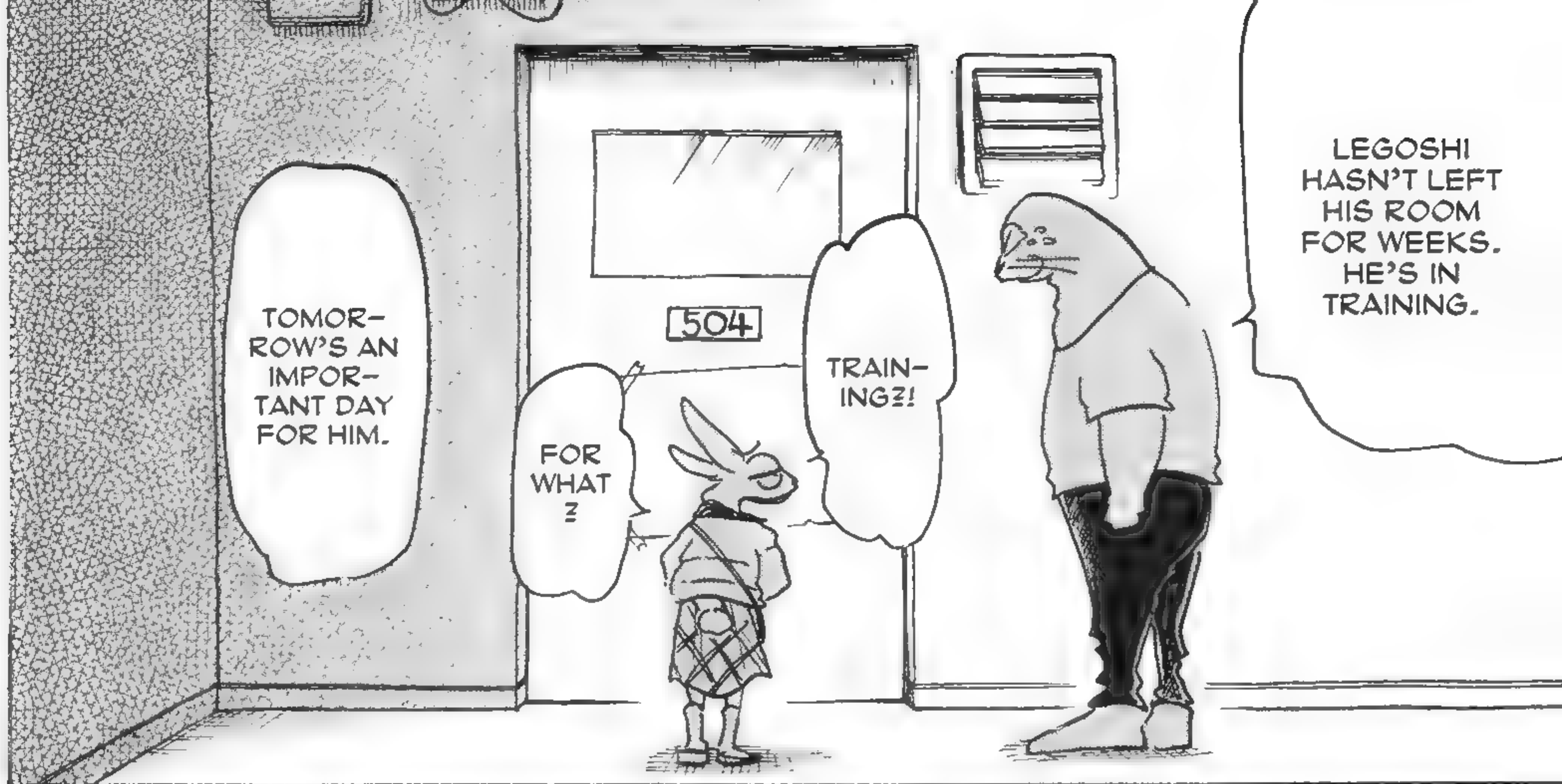


LEGOSHI.

...BECAUSE
YOU MAKE
ME FEEL
POWERFUL.

I GOT
HERE
SAFELY...

504

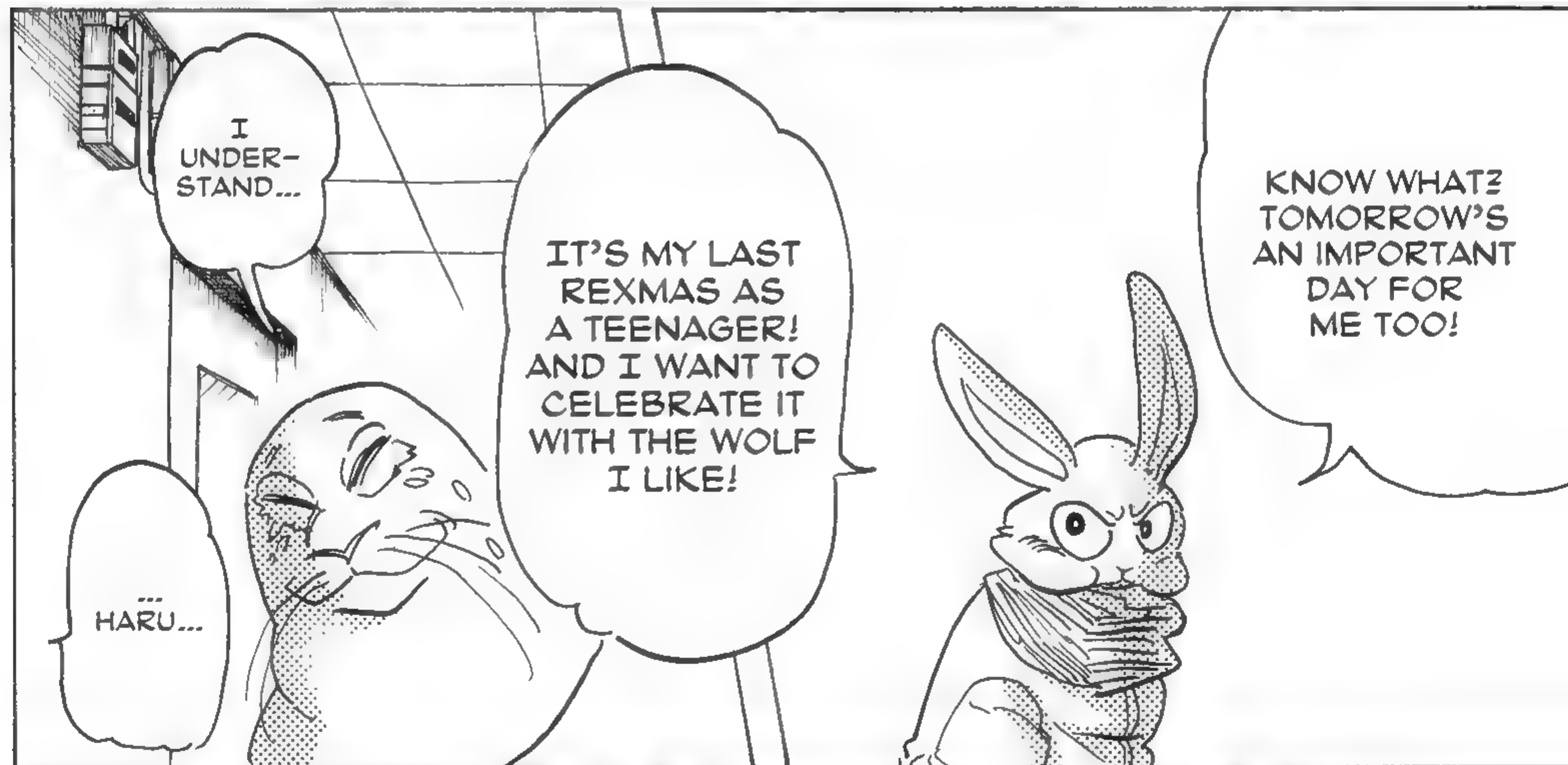


TOMOR-
ROW'S AN
IMPOR-
TANT DAY
FOR HIM.

FOR
WHAT
?

TRAIN-
ING?!

LEGOSHI
HASN'T LEFT
HIS ROOM
FOR WEEKS.
HE'S IN
TRAINING.



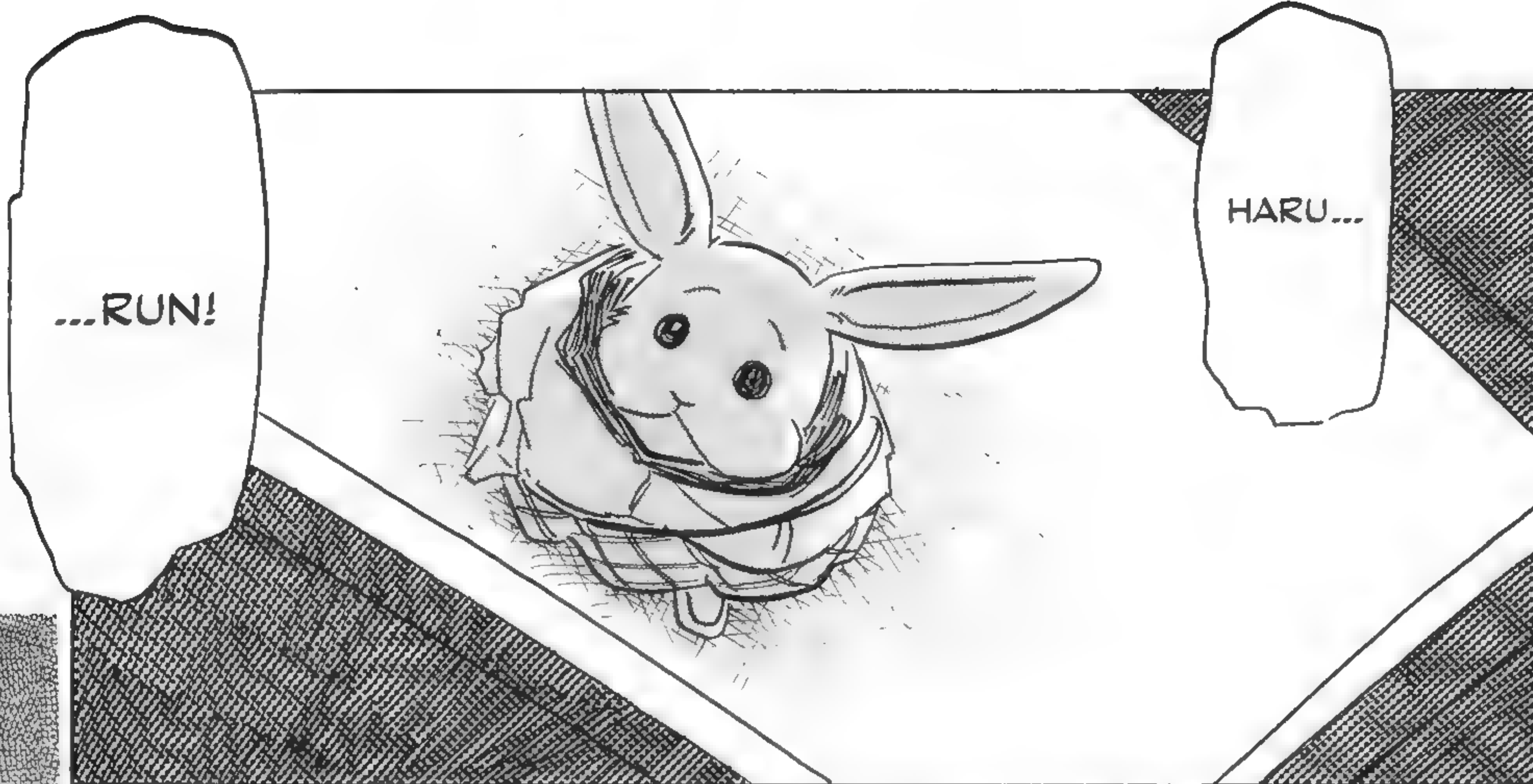
I
UNDER-
STAND...

...
HARU...

IT'S MY LAST
REXMAS AS
A TEENAGER!
AND I WANT TO
CELEBRATE IT
WITH THE WOLF
I LIKE!

KNOW WHAT?
TOMORROW'S
AN IMPORTANT
DAY FOR
ME TOO!



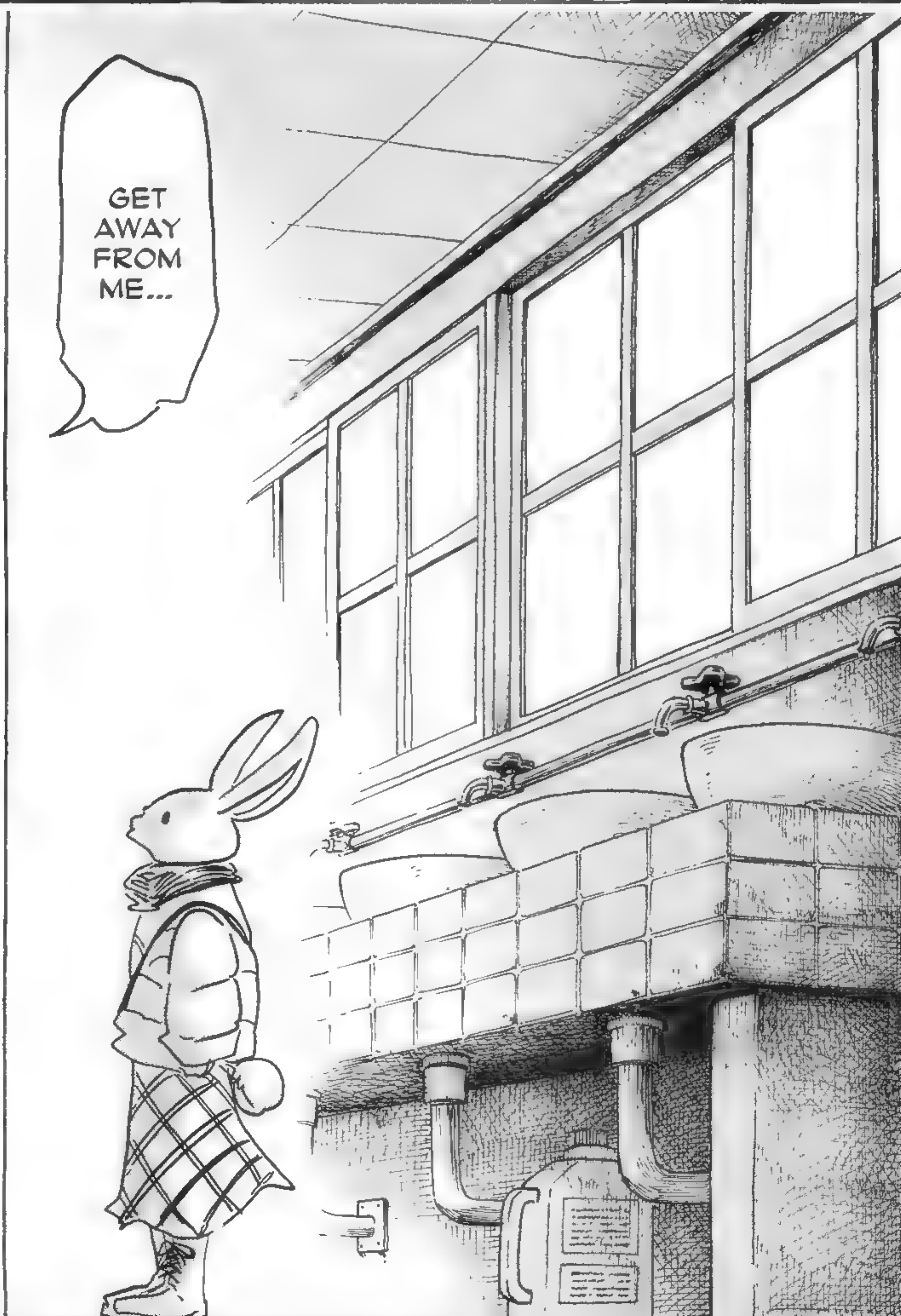


...RUN!

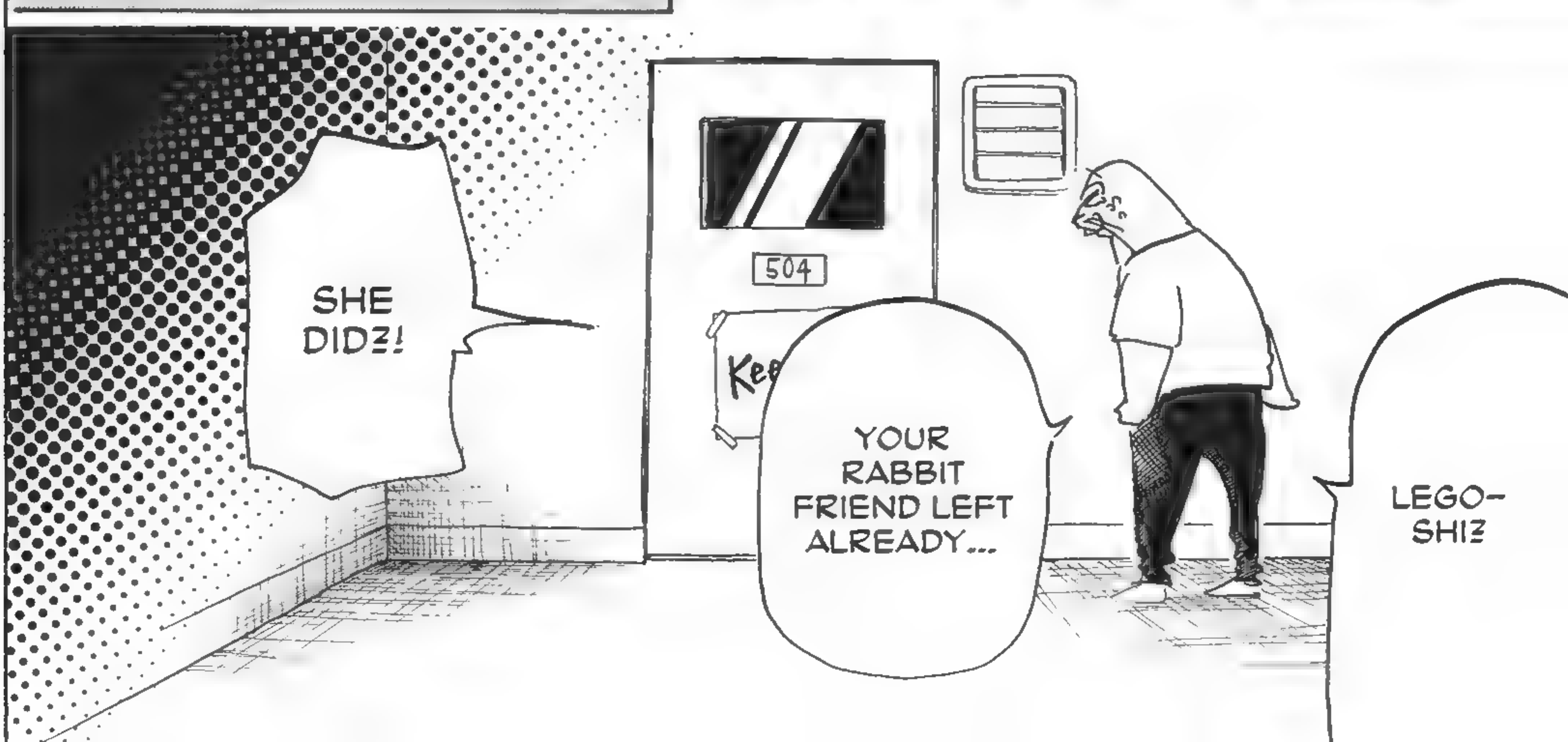
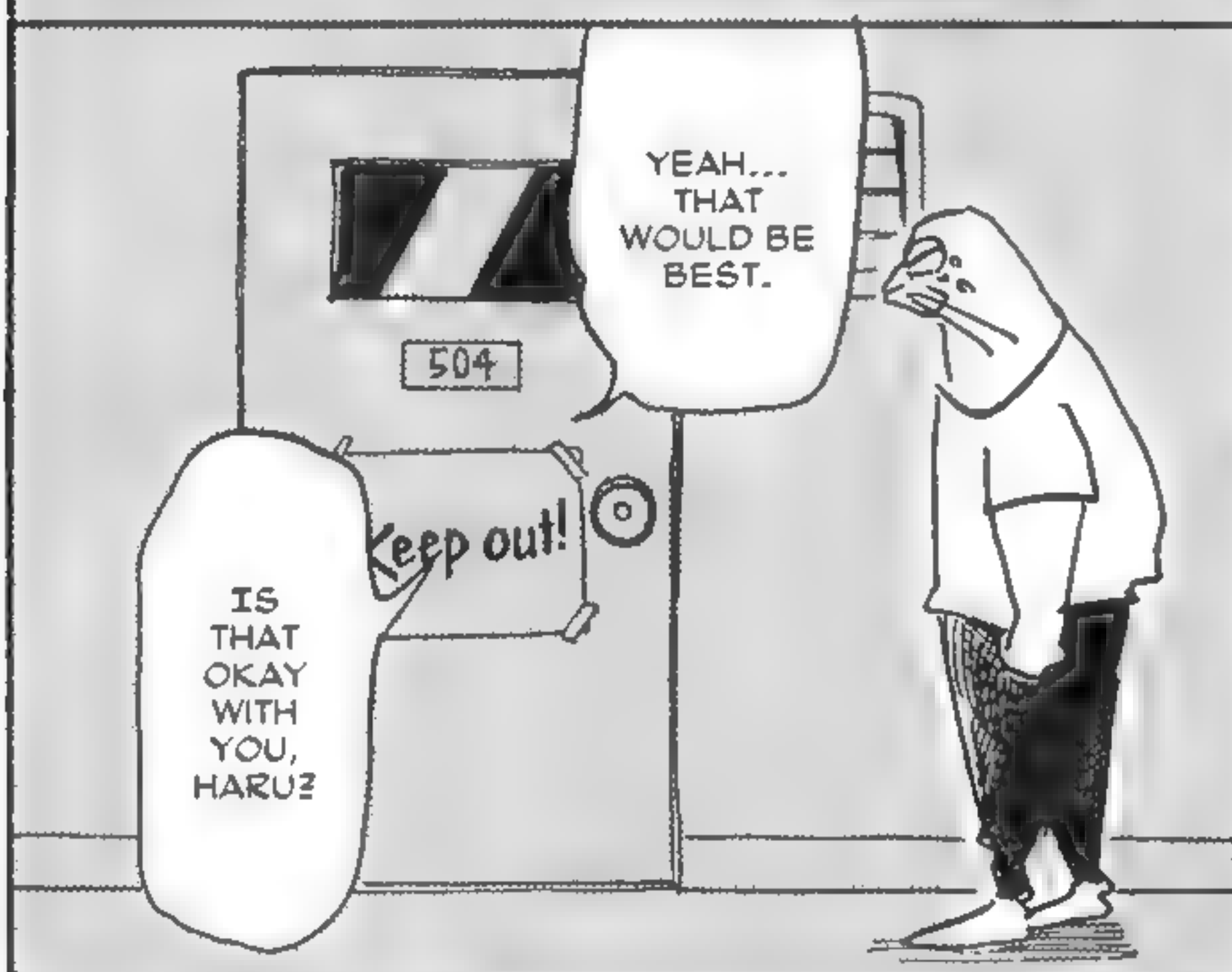
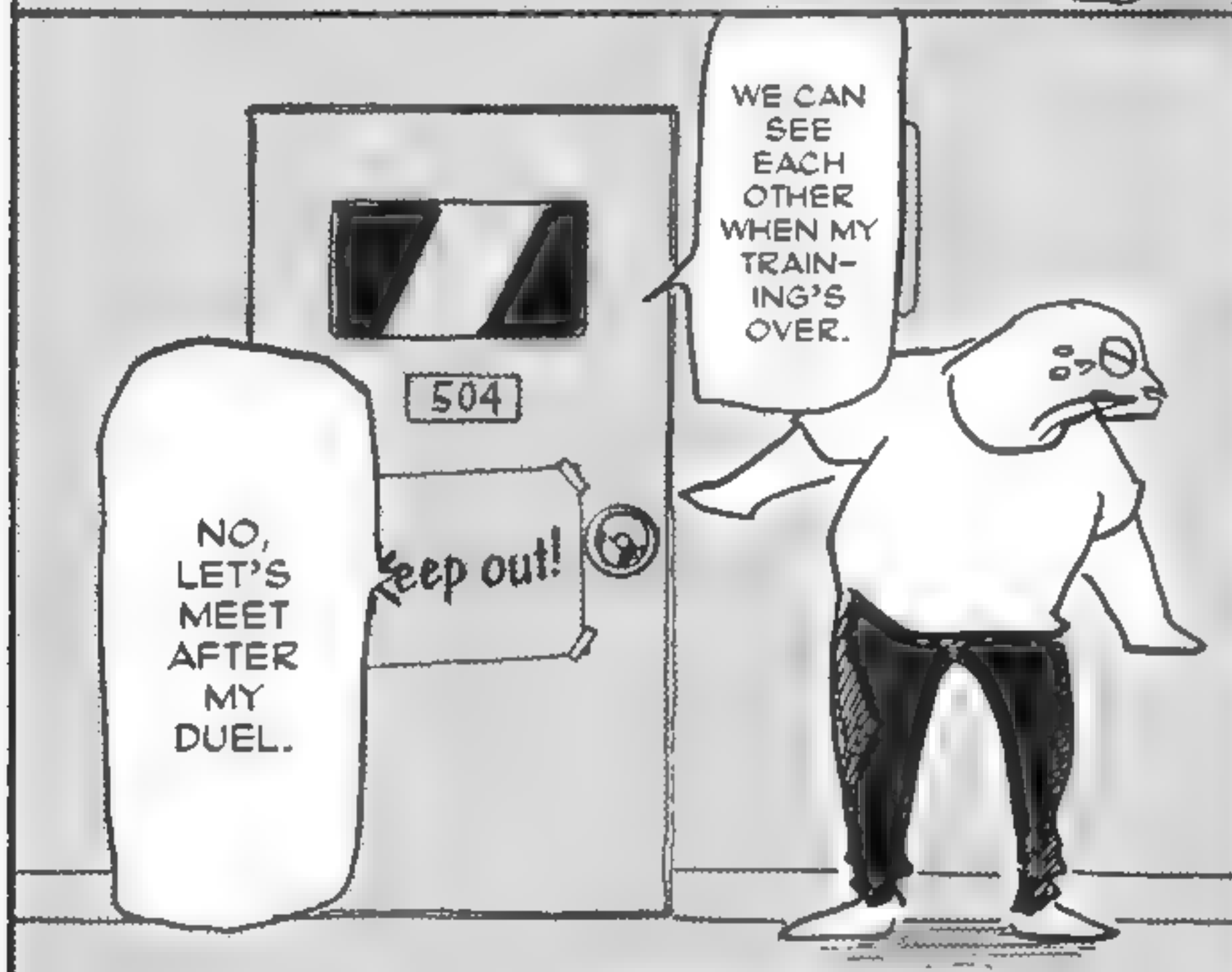
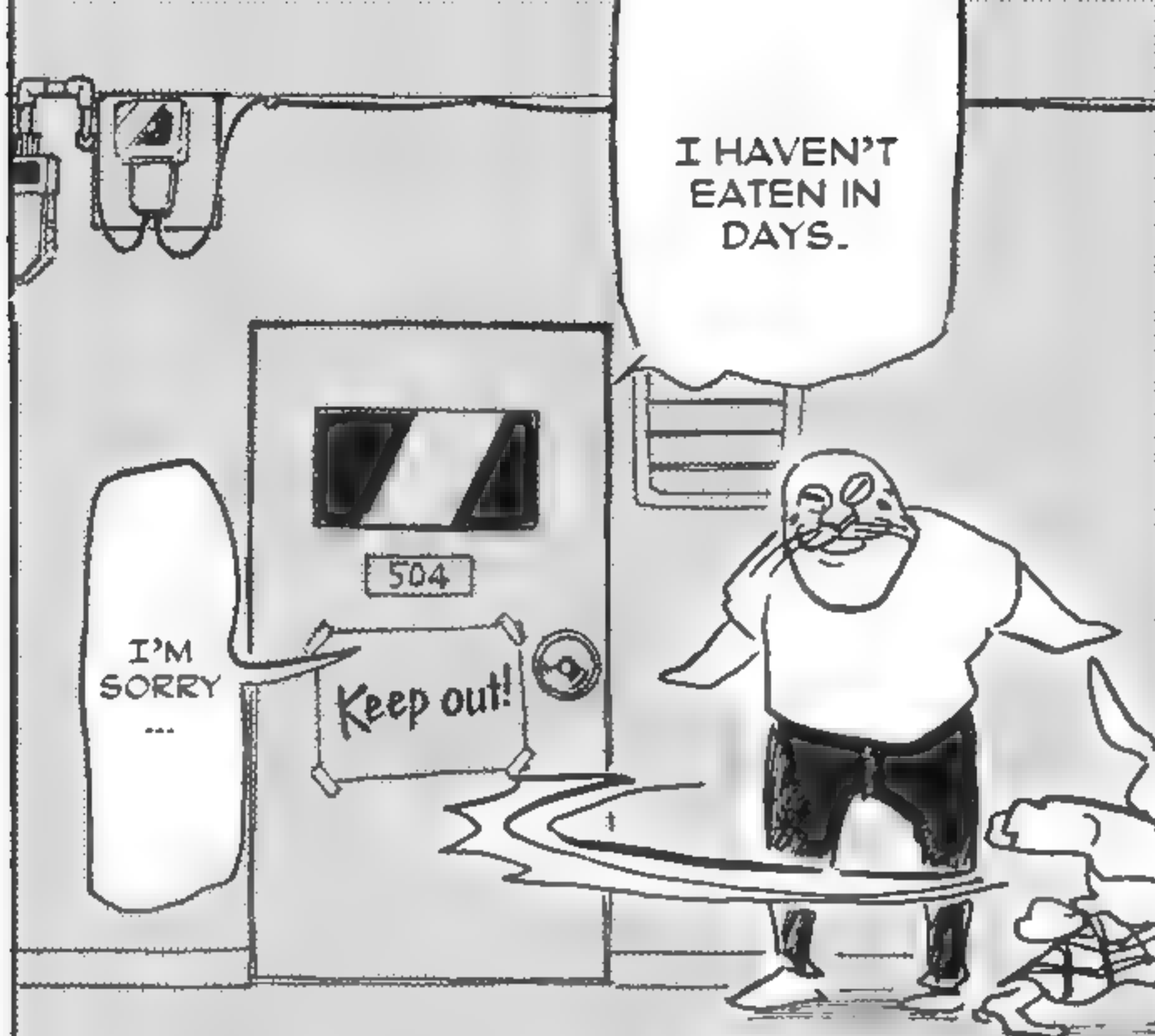
HARU...



HUR-
RY!



GET
AWAY
FROM
ME...

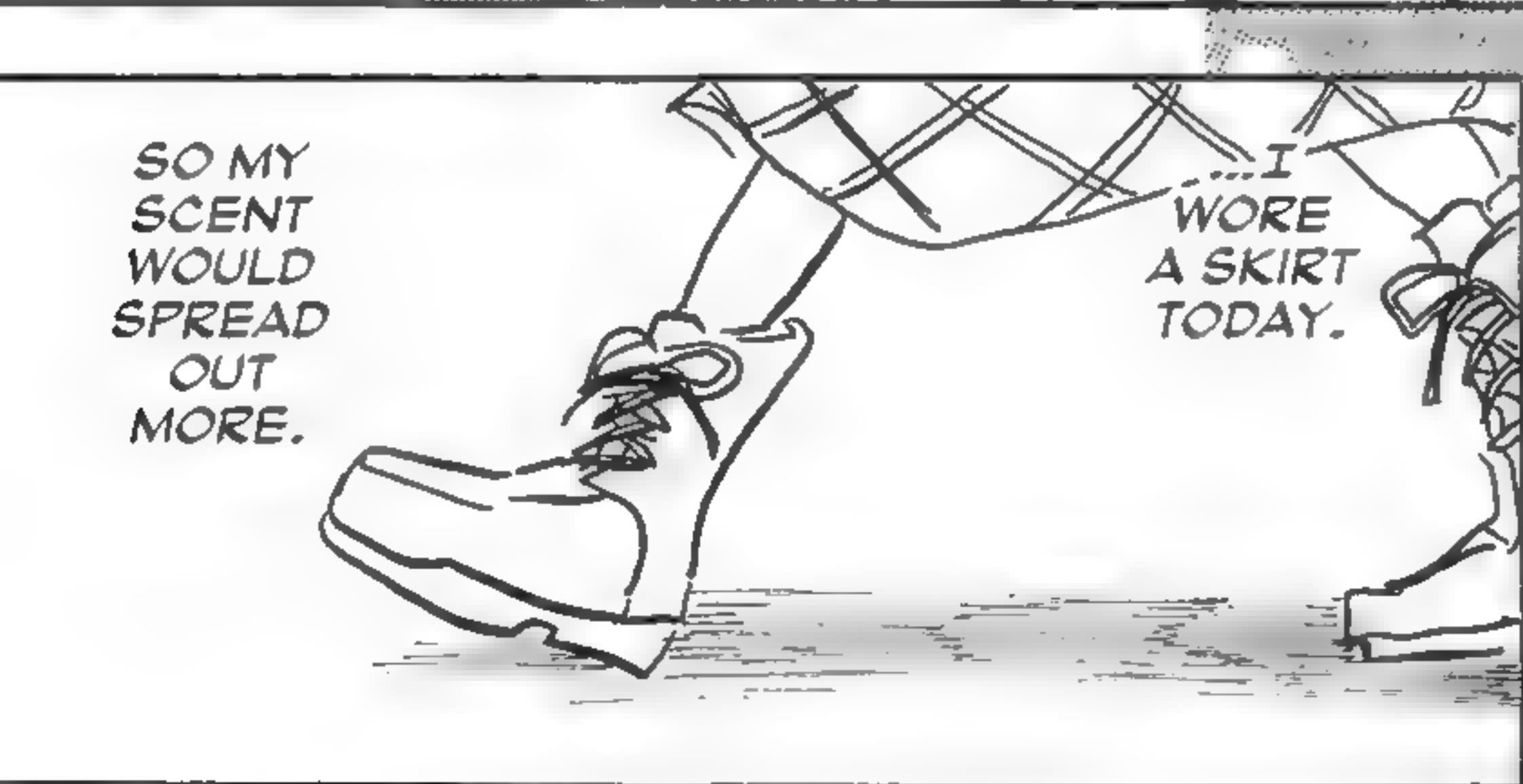




I'M
RUNNING
AWAY,
JUST LIKE
YOU TOLD
ME TO!
THINGS
ARE OVER
BETWEEN
US! FOR
REAL THIS
TIME!

WHEN
WILL I
LEARN?
I'M
SUCH AN
IDIOT!

HOW
COULD HE
SAY THAT
TO ME?!



SO MY
SCENT
WOULD
SPREAD
OUT
MORE.

...I
WORE
A SKIRT
TODAY.



I WANT
THAT
STUPID
WOLF...



...WHEN I SULK
AND RUN AWAY
FROM HIM!

...TO TRACK
MY SCENT
AND COME
AFTER ME...



THAT'S
WHY...

EVERYTHING'S
ALWAYS ABOUT
HIM! I'M SICK OF
IT! I KNEW HE'D
COME UP WITH
SOME LAME
EXCUSE TO
GET RID
OF ME!



THE CITY'S IN A STATE OF
UPHEAVAL.

IT'S THE EVE OF MY DUEL.

I'M HUNGRY.

AND I WANT TO SEE HARU!

SHE WAS MY FIRST PREY...



THE CITY'S ALL LIT UP AND TWINKLY...

ALL I WANTED WAS TO SPEND
REXMAS EVE WITH YOU, LEGOSHI...
TO HANG OUT AND TALK.

I REALLY, REALLY
LIKE YOU.

YOU CAN BE WITH ME IF
YOU WANT TO.

REXMAS OKE

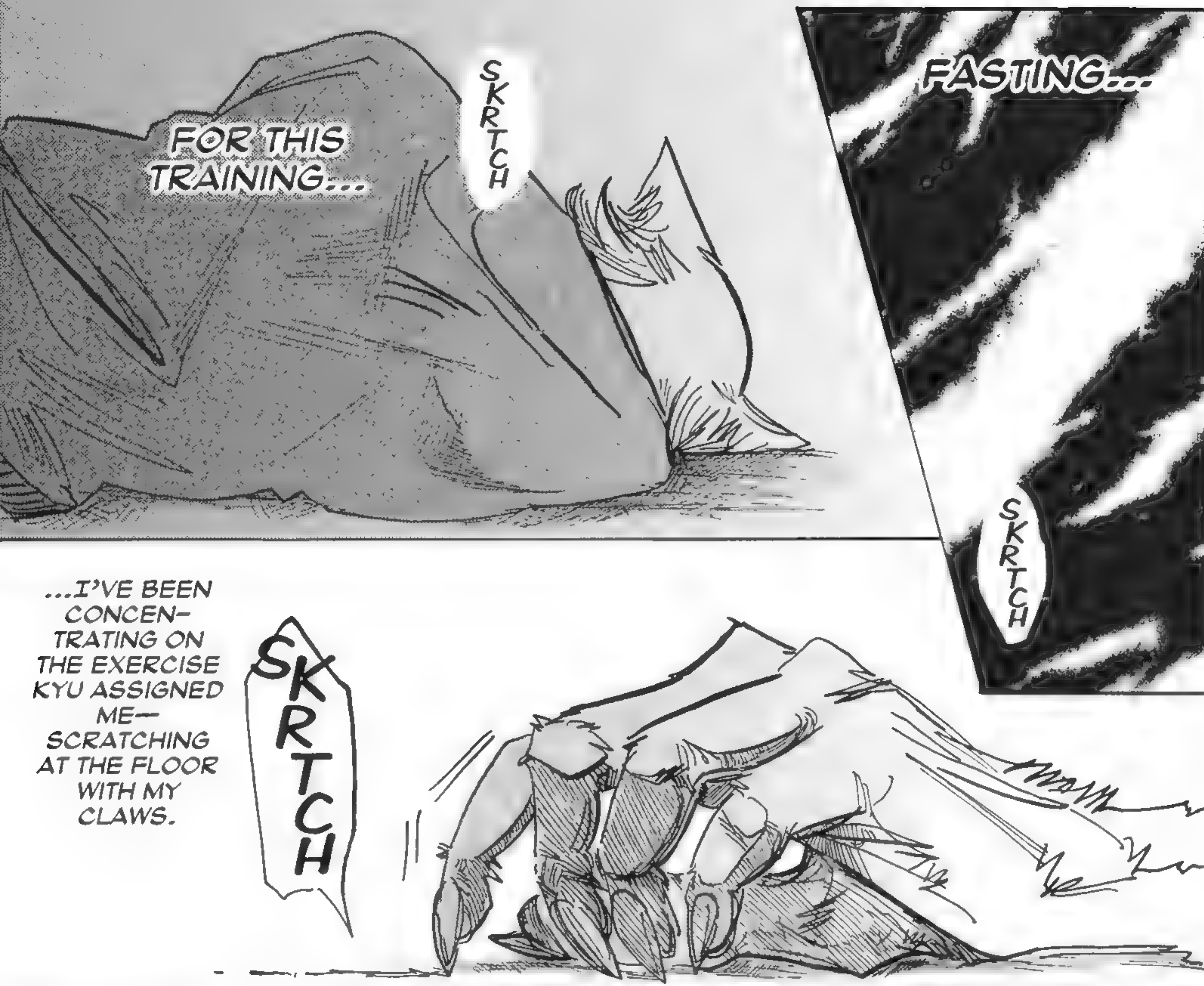
Playing tag on Rexmas Eve...



This is...



...Legoshi's final training.



...AND
STILL HAVE
A LOT OF
ENERGY
LEFT.

...CAN GO
WITHOUT
FOOD AND
WATER
FOR
EXTENDED
PERIODS
OF TIME...

...IN THE
WINTERTIME,
MAMMALS...



VEGETATION
DIDN'T GROW,
AND DRINKING
WATER WAS
FROZEN...

THERE WAS
NOTHING TO
EAT.

...SURVIVED
THE HARSH-
NESS OF
WINTER BY
HIBERNATING.

IN
ANCIENT
TIMES,
BEFORE
MODERN
CIVILIZATION,
MAMMALS...

...THE
WAY...

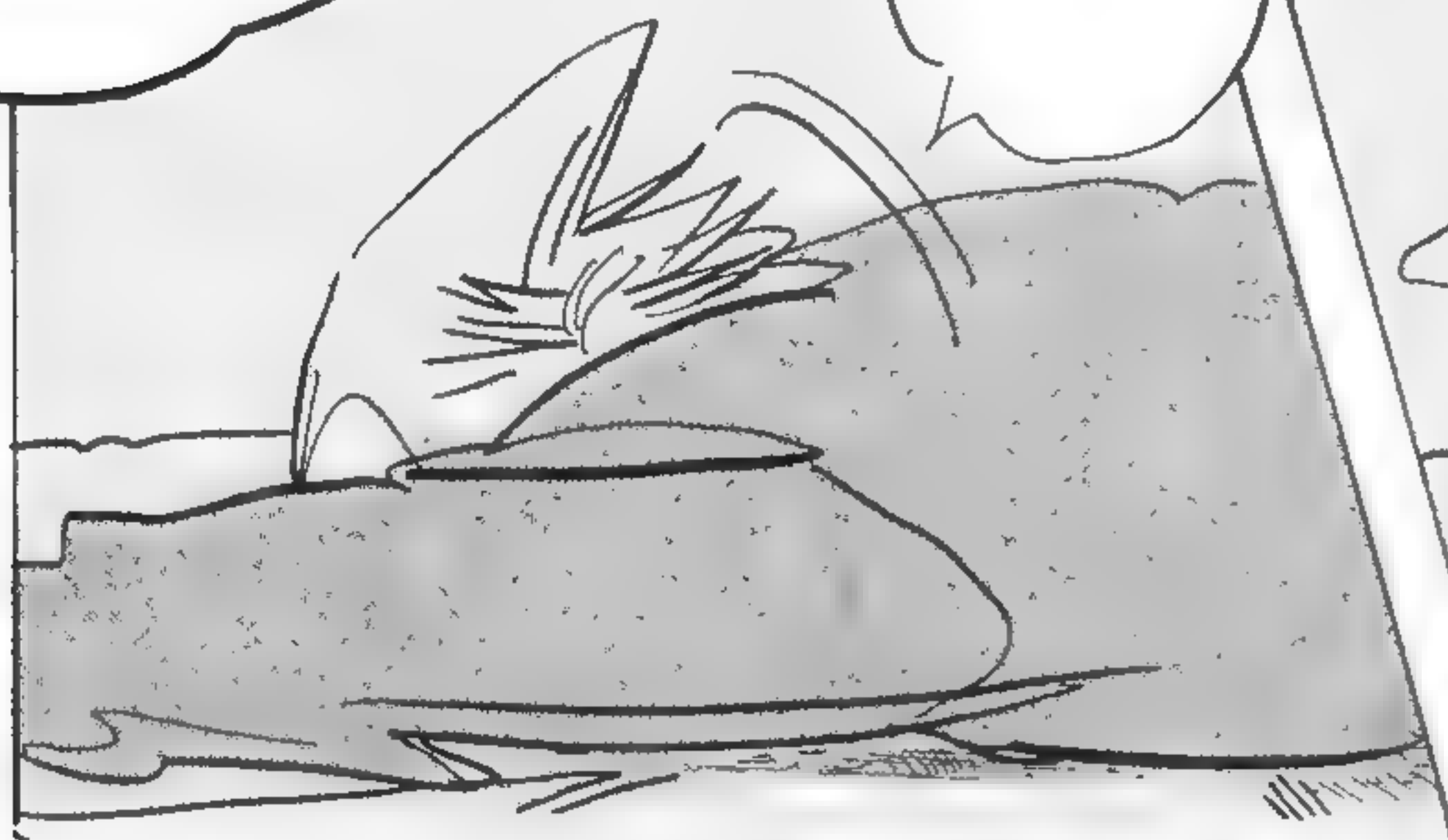
...MY
BODY
IS
NOW...



WHY DO
WE EAT?
WHY DO
WE LOVE?

I WAS
BORN
TOUGH.

BUT
WOLVES
ARE
TOUGH.



BUT MY
HEART IS
STARVED
FOR
LOVE.

I
HAVEN'T
EATEN A
THING IN
DAYS, BUT
I HAVEN'T
STARVED
TO DEATH.



HARU...
YOU...





**YOU'RE
MY REAL
SOURCE
OF SUSTE-
NANCE...**

**...NO
MATTER
WHAT I
EAT!**

YOU'RE A
PERFECT,
COMPLETE
SOURCE OF
NUTRITION.
YOU'RE
ALL I
NEED.



SHALL I
COMPARE
THEE TO
A FOOD
PYRAMID?

THE WAY
YOUR
EARS
SWAY
WHEN YOU
WALK.

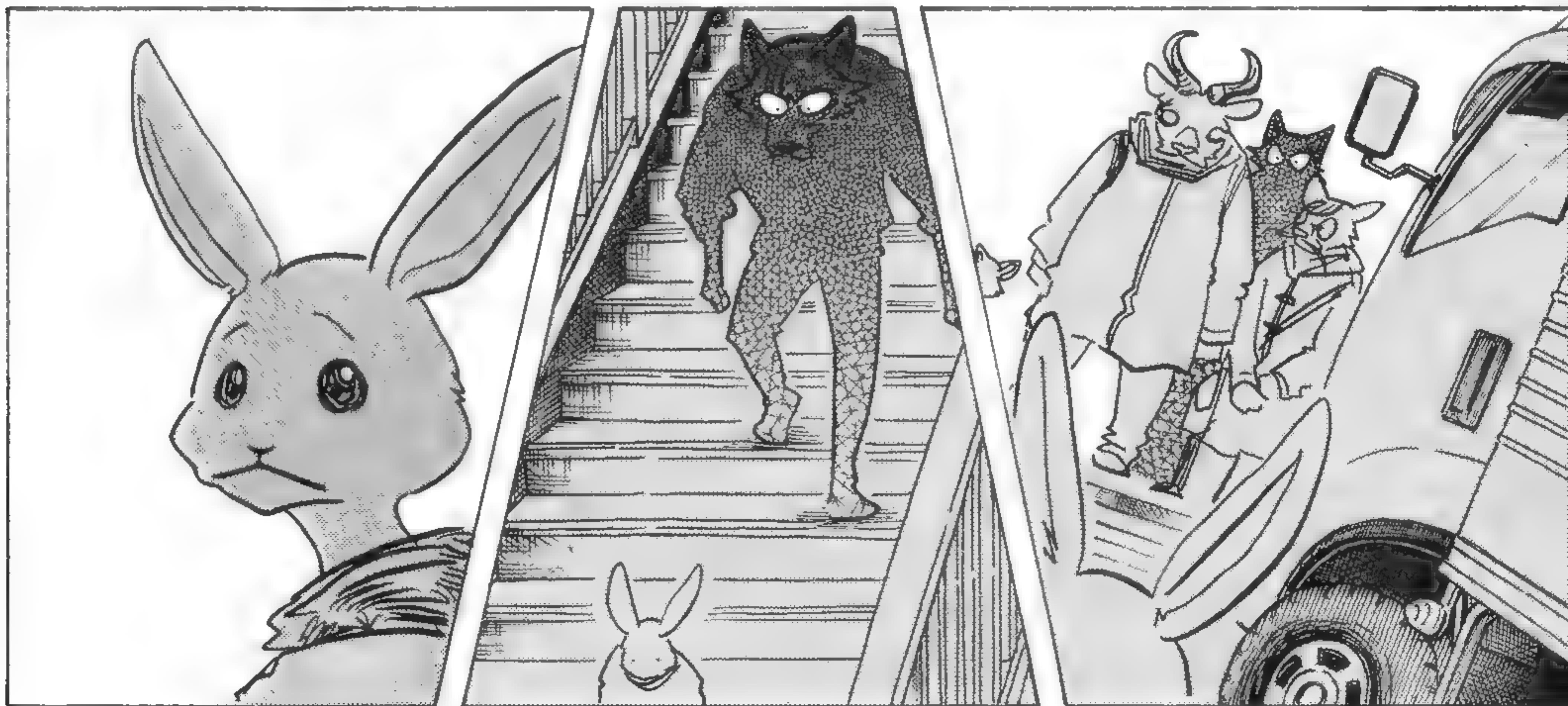


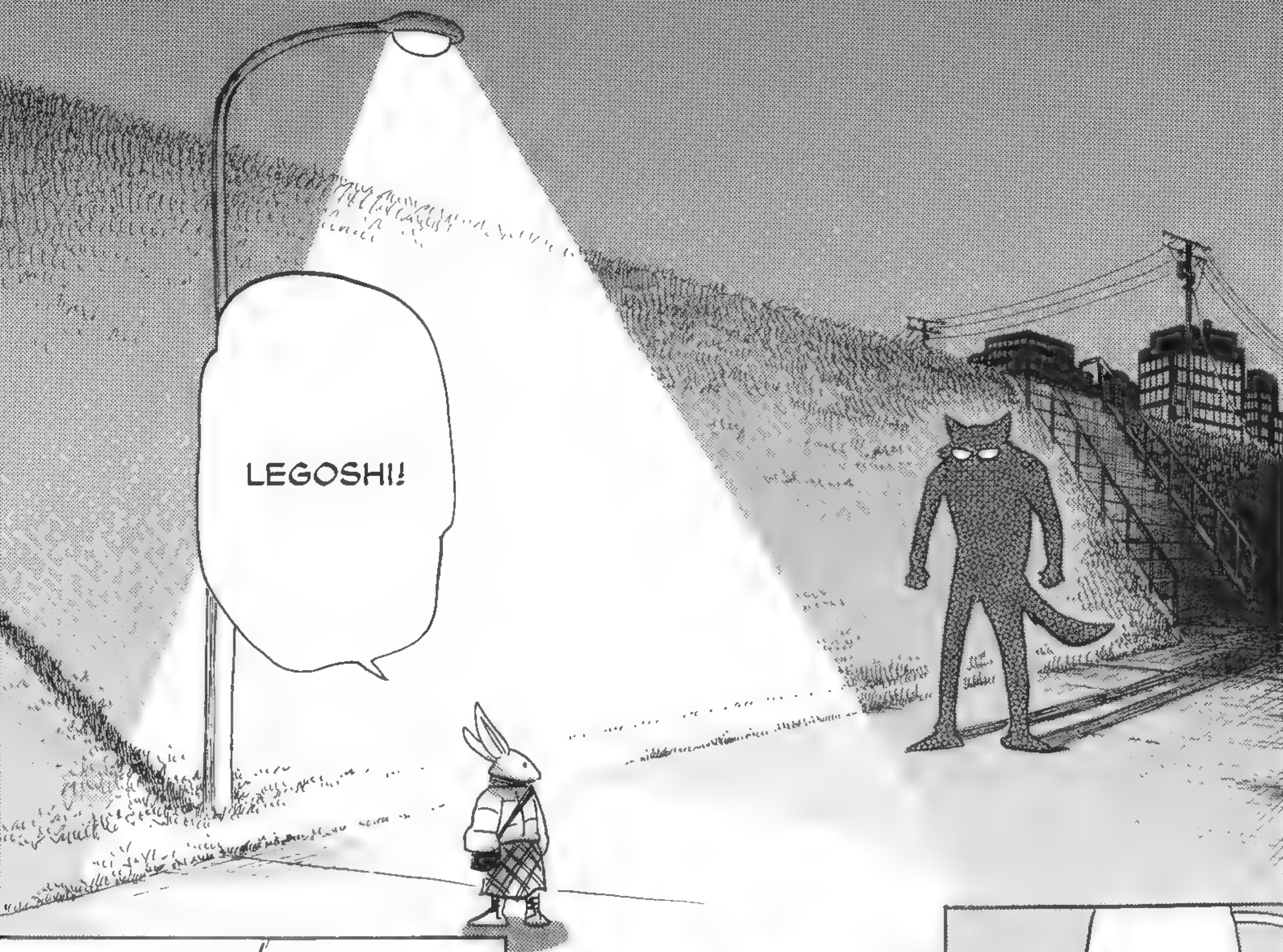
THE WAY
THE
CITY
LIGHTS
GLIM-
MER ON
YOUR
WHITE
FUR.

IT'S
BEEN
SO
LONG
SINCE
WE
LAST
SAW
EACH
OTHER.
NOW
THAT
YOU'RE
HERE...

EVEN
THE WAY
YOU
PROJECT
THE
PRES-
ENCE OF
A MUCH
BIGGER
BEAST
WHEN
YOU
WALK
THROUGH
THE
CITY.







LEGOSHI!



ARE YOU
GOING TO ADD
MORE SCARS?
LIKE YOU DID
LAST YEAR...

...BECAUSE
YOU THINK
YOU'RE
INVULNER-
ABLE?

YOU
COULD
GET
KILLED
THIS
TIME!

WHEN-
EVER
I...



WHAT'S
UP WITH
THIS DUEL
YOU'RE
FIGHTING
TOMOR-
ROW?

THE VIBE OF THE
CITY HAS CHANGED...
ESPECIALLY AROUND
THE BLACK MARKET.

YOU'VE GOT
SOMETHING TO DO
WITH THAT, DON'T
YOU?

LOUIS
TOLD
ME.

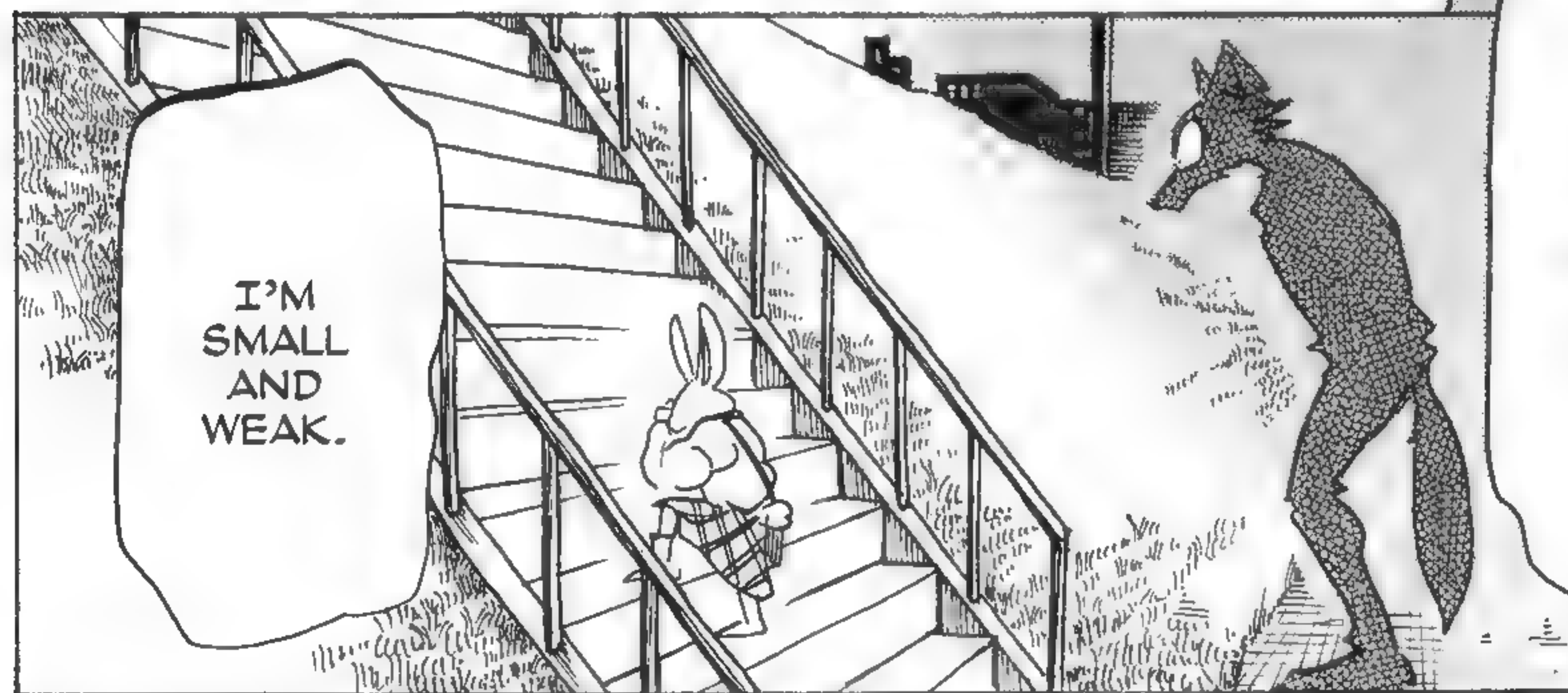


AT
MOONRISE,
I THINK
OF YOU.

...I FIND
MYSELF BUYING
HUGE CLOTHES FOR
CARNIVORES.

...GO
SHOPPING
NOWA-
DAYS...

I OWN
MORE GRAY
FABRICS NOW.
WHEN A SERIES
FEATURING
CANIDAE POPS
UP, I DON'T
CHANGE THE
CHANNEL.



I'M
SMALL
AND
WEAK.

THAT'S ALL
I CAN DO TO
SUPPORT YOU.
I CAN'T
PROTECT YOU.



...NO MATTER
HOW MUCH I
CARE ABOUT
YOU!

YOU PUT
YOURSELF IN
DANGER ALL
THE TIME, BUT
THERE'S
NOTHING I
CAN DO TO
STOP YOU OR
PROTECT
YOU...

YOU'RE TALL.
YOU HARDLY
TALK. YOUR
ARMS AND
LEGS ARE LONG.
THERE'S AN
UNBRIDGEABLE
DIVIDE
BETWEEN US.

WE'RE
SO FAR
APART...

THERE'S
NOT A THING
WE CAN DO TO
CHANGE ANY
OF IT!

WHAT'S
THE POINT
OF TELLING
YOU THIS?!
I DON'T
KNOW!

BUT OUR
GROWTH PERIOD
IS OVER.
I'LL NEVER BE
SIX FEET,
TWO INCHES.
AND YOU'LL
NEVER SHRINK
TO THREE FEET,
FIVE.

WHAT
AM
I...?

WHAT
ARE YOU
THINKING
?!

IT'S
YOUR
TURN!
SAY
SOME-
THING!

I'M
THINKING...
I'D REALLY
LIKE TO
KISS YOU.

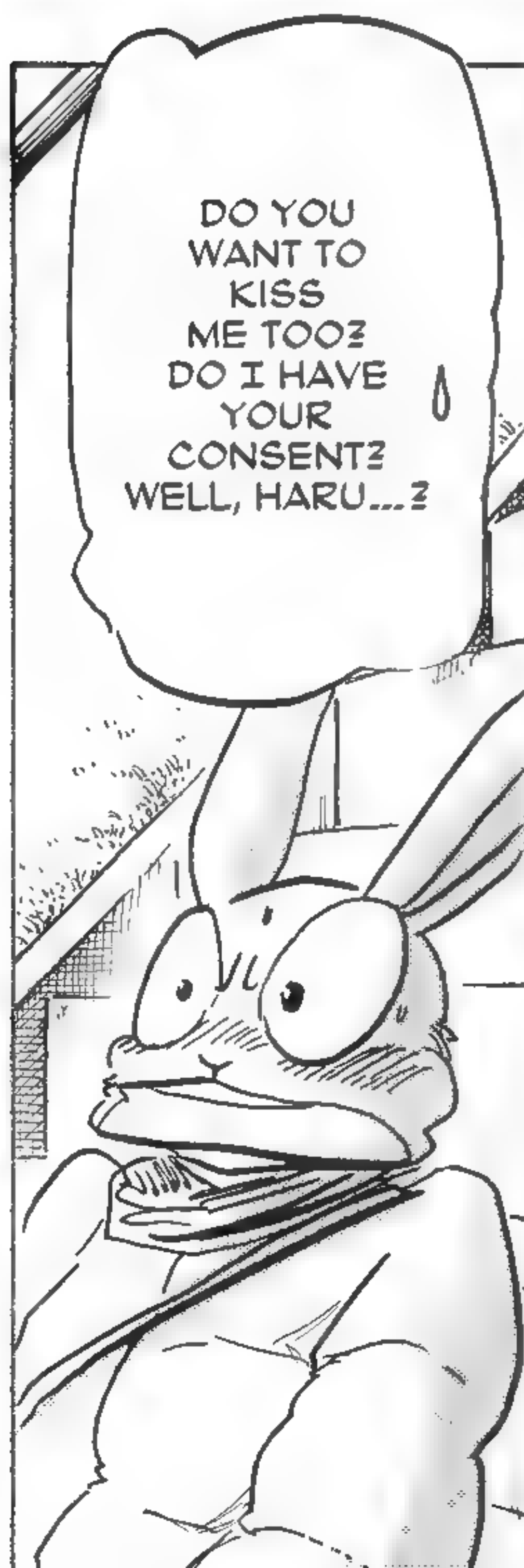




I ALMOST
KISSED
YOU ONCE
BEFORE—
IN THE
SCHOOL
CORRIDOR.
REMEMBER?

(See volume 7, chapter 6.)

BACK THEN,
I THOUGHT, "IF
YOU LIKE SOMEONE,
YOU'RE SUPPOSED
TO KISS HER."
IT WAS LIKE I WAS
FOLLOWING A
GUIDE TO
ROMANCE.



DO YOU
WANT TO
KISS
ME TOO?
DO I HAVE
YOUR
CONSENT?
WELL, HARU...?



SO,
UM

IT FEELS
NATURAL
THIS TIME.



...
YOU.

...
KISS...



...SPON-
TANE-
OUSLY...


BUT
NOW
I'D LIKE
TO...



I'M
SORRY,
I'M
SORRY!
OF
COURSE
I HEARD
WHAT YOU
SAID!

YOU'RE
SUCH AN
IDIOT. I
WANNA
PUNCH
YOU, NOT
KISS
YOU!

YOU DIDN'T
LISTEN TO
A WORD
I SAID,
DID YOU?
I POURED
MY HEART
OUT TO
YOU!



I'LL TAKE
THOSE
CLOTHES YOU
BOUGHT.

AND
BUY YOU
CLOTHES
FOR
SMALL
ANIMALS.
WE CAN
SWAP
THEM.

Although
I have no
fashion
sense...



I'M
SORRY
I MAKE
YOU SO
MISER-
ABLE.

I'M
GLAD YOU
TOLD ME
EVERY-
THING
ON YOUR
MIND.



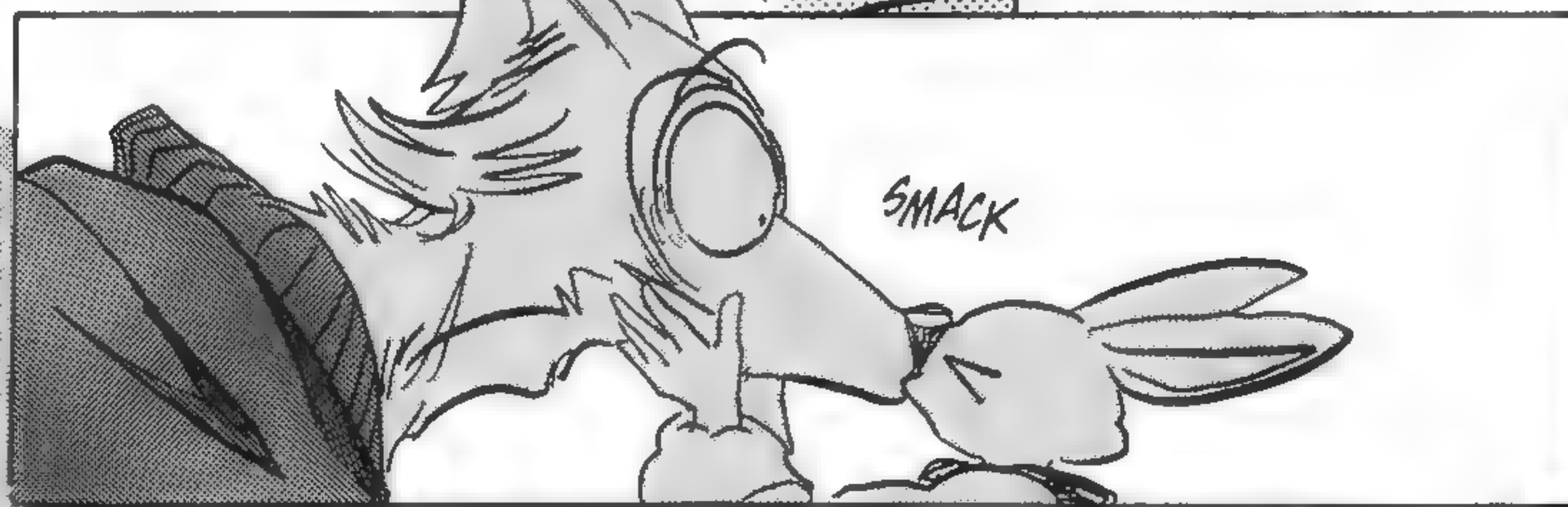


OH. I
HAVEN'T.

ENOUGH
ALREADY!
SHUT UP!

WOLVES
HAVE
LONG,
DEEP
SNOUTS,
SO I
DON'T
KNOW
HOW TO
KISS
YOU.

I SORT OF
KISSED A
MALE ONCE
TO GATHER
EVIDENCE...
BUT THAT
DOESN'T
COUNT.



SMACK



LET'S
TRY IT
AGAIN.

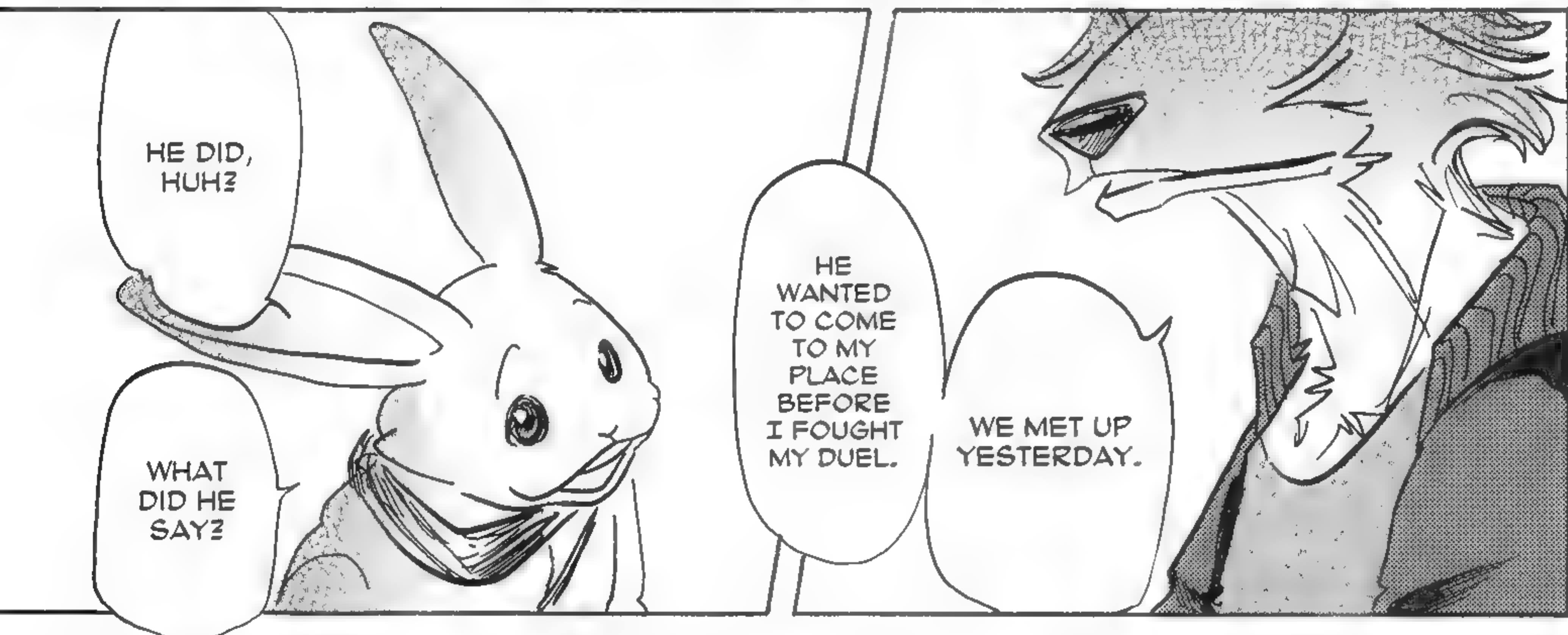
YOU
ARE?

YOU'RE
SUPPOSED
TO CLOSE
YOUR EYES
WHEN YOU
KISS.

NO.
SHOULD
I HAVE
?

HEY!
DID
YOU
CLOSE
YOUR
EYES?







LOUIS DID
HIS BEST...



...TO
SUPPORT
ME...

...SO I
CAN WIN
TOMORROW.

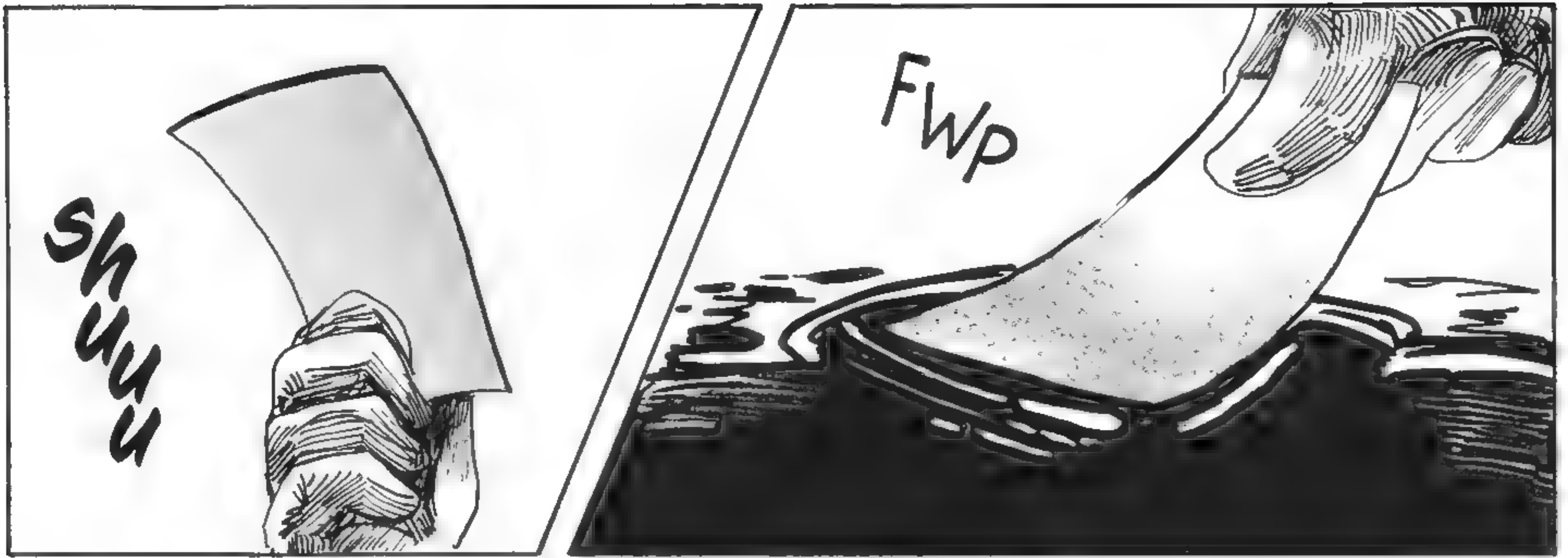
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HEY, MR. SPOTTED SEAL! YOU LIVE NEXT DOOR. YOU MUST KNOW SOMETHING! WHERE HAS LEGOSHI GONE? WHAT'S HE BEEN UP TO?

ME SPEAK MARINE LANGUAGE JUST.

A WOLF'S ROOM SPATTERED WITH DEER BLOOD? SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAPPENED HERE!



HE WAS ALONE, CARRYING A SCARY-LOOKING, BRIGHT-RED BAG.

LEGOSHI WENT OUT THIS EVENING.




HEH HEH... I'M STARTING TO THINK LIKE A LAND BEAST.

WHY WOULD A BRIGHT-RED BAG LOOK SCARY?



THEY HAVE LEGS AND DISTINCTIVE WAYS OF WALKING. I CAN TELL IF...

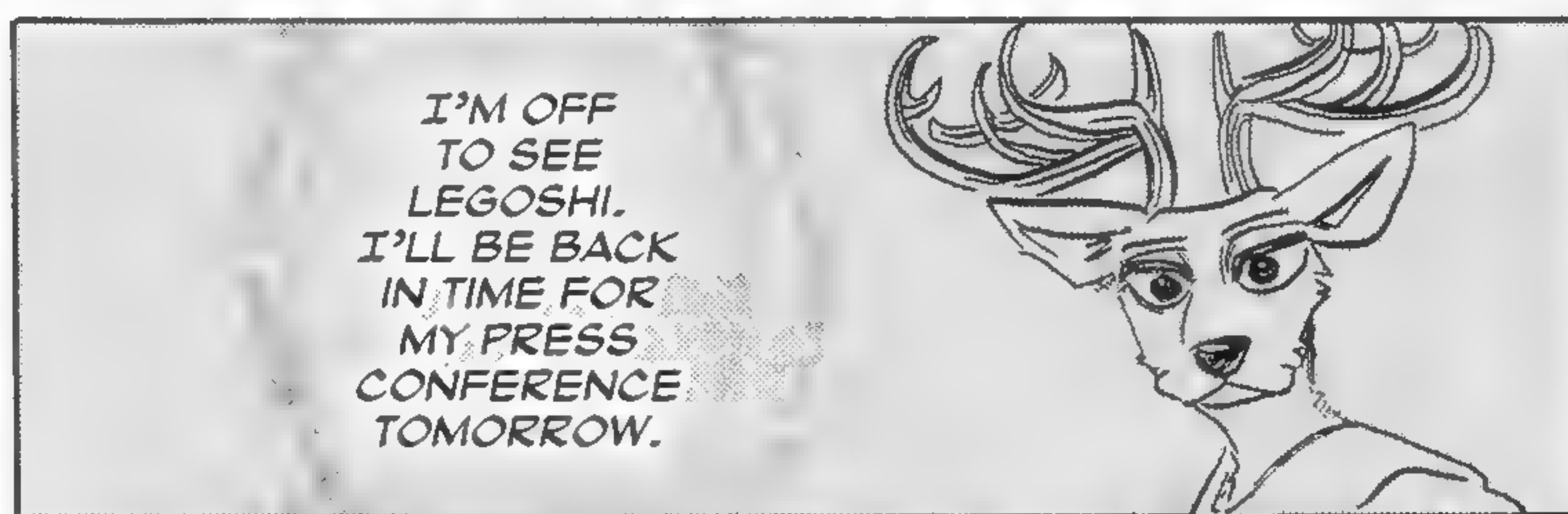
LAND ANIMALS DON'T HAVE FINS.



...THEY'RE GOOD
OR EVIL BY THE WAY
THEY WALK.

I HAVE FAITH IN
THE LEGOSHI I KNOW.

SPLOSH





MONI-
NY...



...YOUR
EYES.
THEY'RE
JUST LIKE
YOUR
FATHER'S.

MELON.
I
LOVE...



YOU
EMBODY
THE
BEAUTY
OF HERBI-
VORES.

HUF...

NGH.

NGH

ARGH!

STOP,
MOM-
MY...

YOUR
NERVOUS
GLANCES
AROUND
YOU...
YOUR
FRAIL,
DELICATE
BODY.

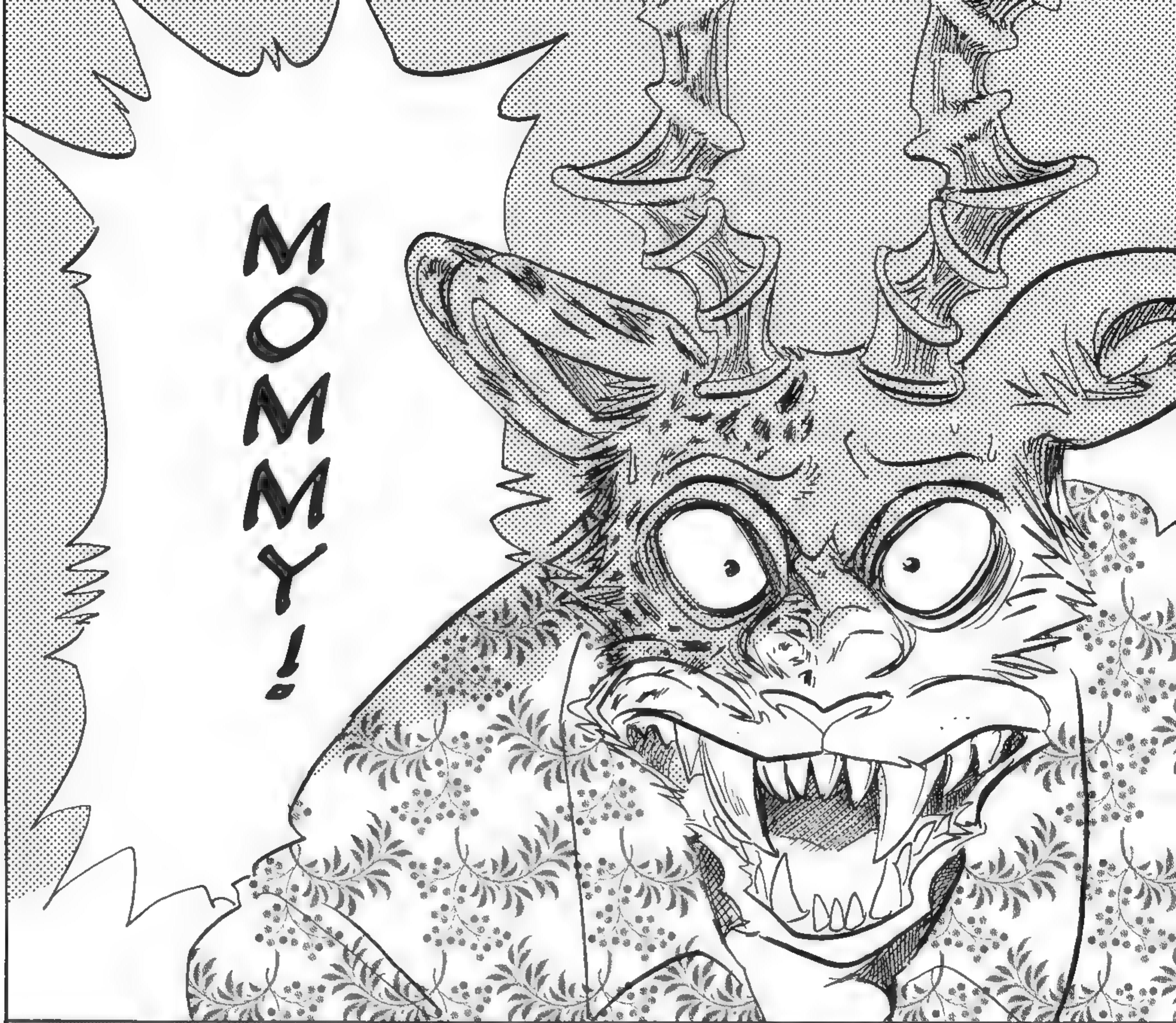


...REMEM-
BER
THE TASTE
OF YOUR
FATHER.
I TRULY
LOVED
HIM...

I NAMED
YOU MELON
SO I
COULD...



HAH!



HOW?

BUT...

MY
LEOPARD
SPOTS HAVE
INCREASED
OVERNIGHT!
AND...IS IT
POSSIBLE
I'VE
GROWN,
TOO?

2!

2!

"I LOVE
YOUR
EYES...
YOUR
FRAIL,
DELICATE
BODY..."

MOTHER
LOVED

...THE
GAZELLE
IN ME.
BUT NOW
I'M...



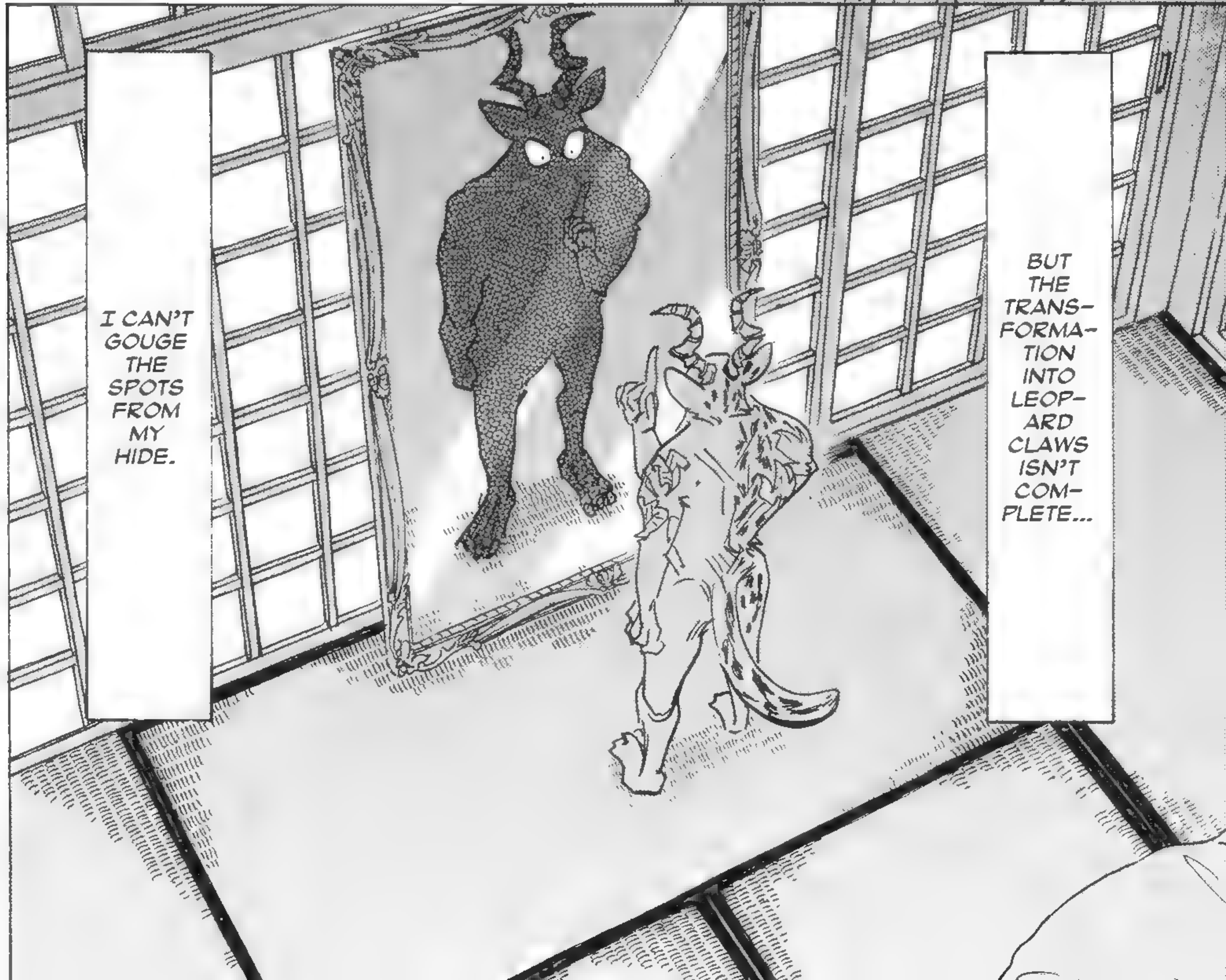


I'M
TURNING
INTO THE
MOTHER
I LOVE
AND
HATE!



...BE-
COMING
A
LEOP-
ARD.

STAB



I CAN'T
GOUGE
THE
SPOTS
FROM
MY
HIDE.



BUT
THE
TRANS-
FORMA-
TION
INTO
LEOP-
ARD
CLAWS
ISN'T
COM-
PLETE...







EACH SPECIES
EXPRESSES ITS
PRIDE THROUGH
ITS SCENT.

I CAN SMELL
EVERY
SINGLE ONE
OF THEM.

THE TORCHES
RAISED ON THE
DAY OF THE
TURF WAR ARE
SOAKED IN
THE BLOOD
OF MANY
SPECIES.

FELIDAE...
CANIDAE...

REPTILIA...



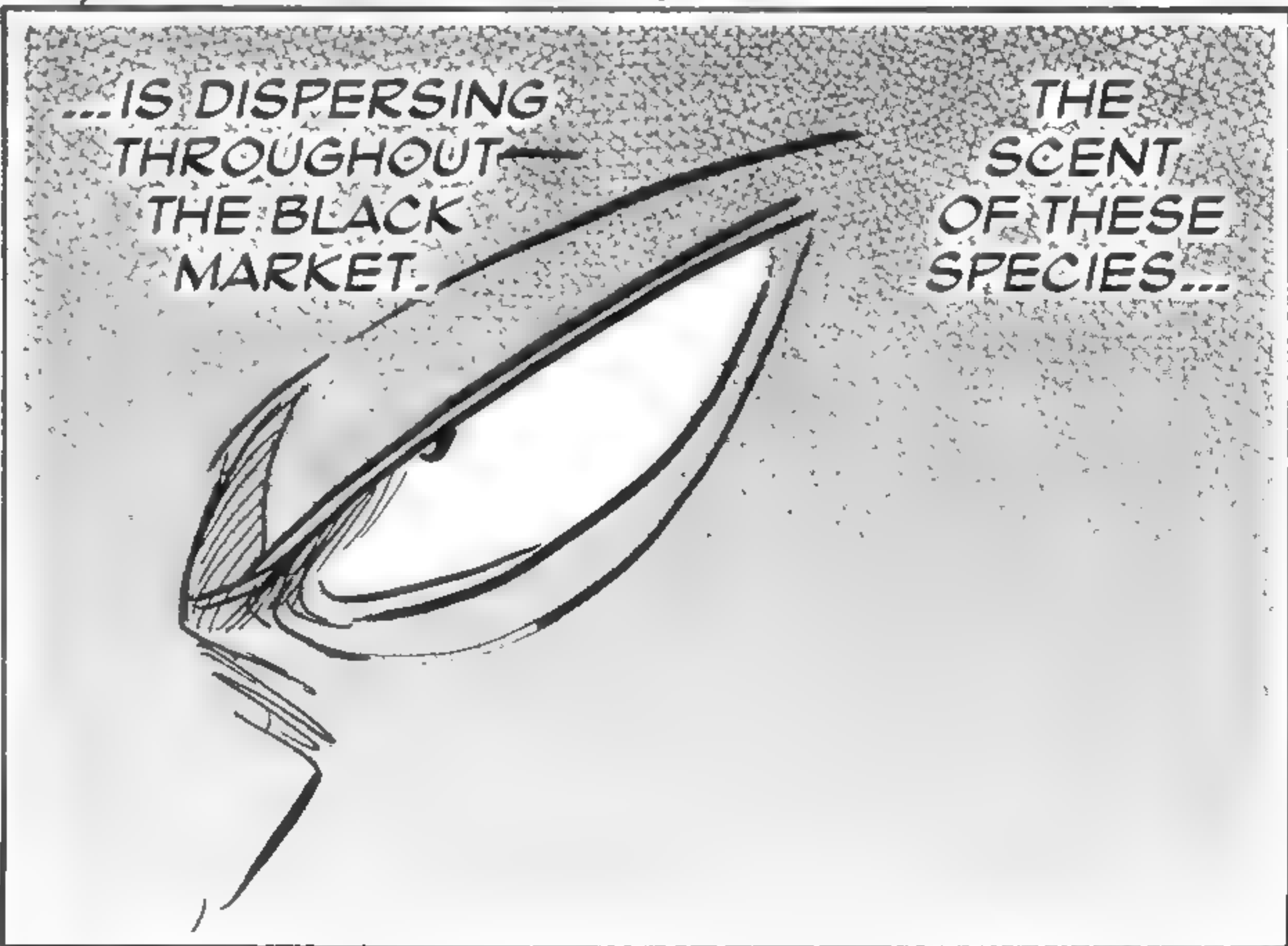
RIGHT
!

GO AHEAD AND
MARK YOUR
TERRITORY WITH
YOUR SCENT. LET'S
KEEP THE PEACE.



...IS DISPERSING
THROUGHOUT
THE BLACK
MARKET.

THE
SCENT
OF THESE
SPECIES...





WE DON'T
NEED TO
DECLARE A
WAR THAT'S
ALREADY
BEGUN!
LET'S GET
TO IT!

DAMN YOU,
SHISHI-GUMI!!
THAT WAS A
DIRTY TRICK!
YOU STARTED
THE TURF WAR
WITHOUT A
WARNING!



I
SMELL
SOME-
THING
WEIRD.

HUH?

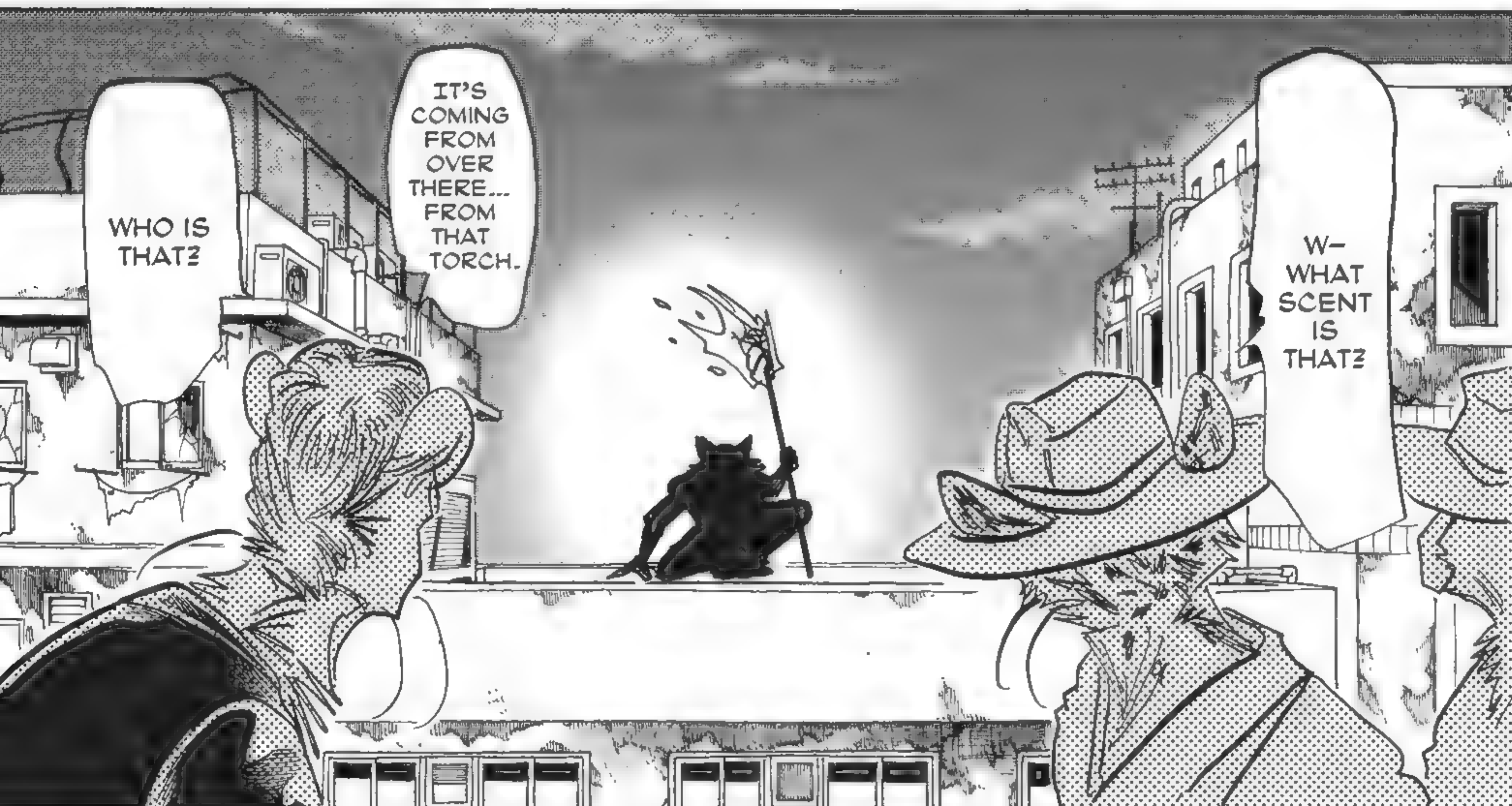
THE
BATTLES
ARE
START-
ING!

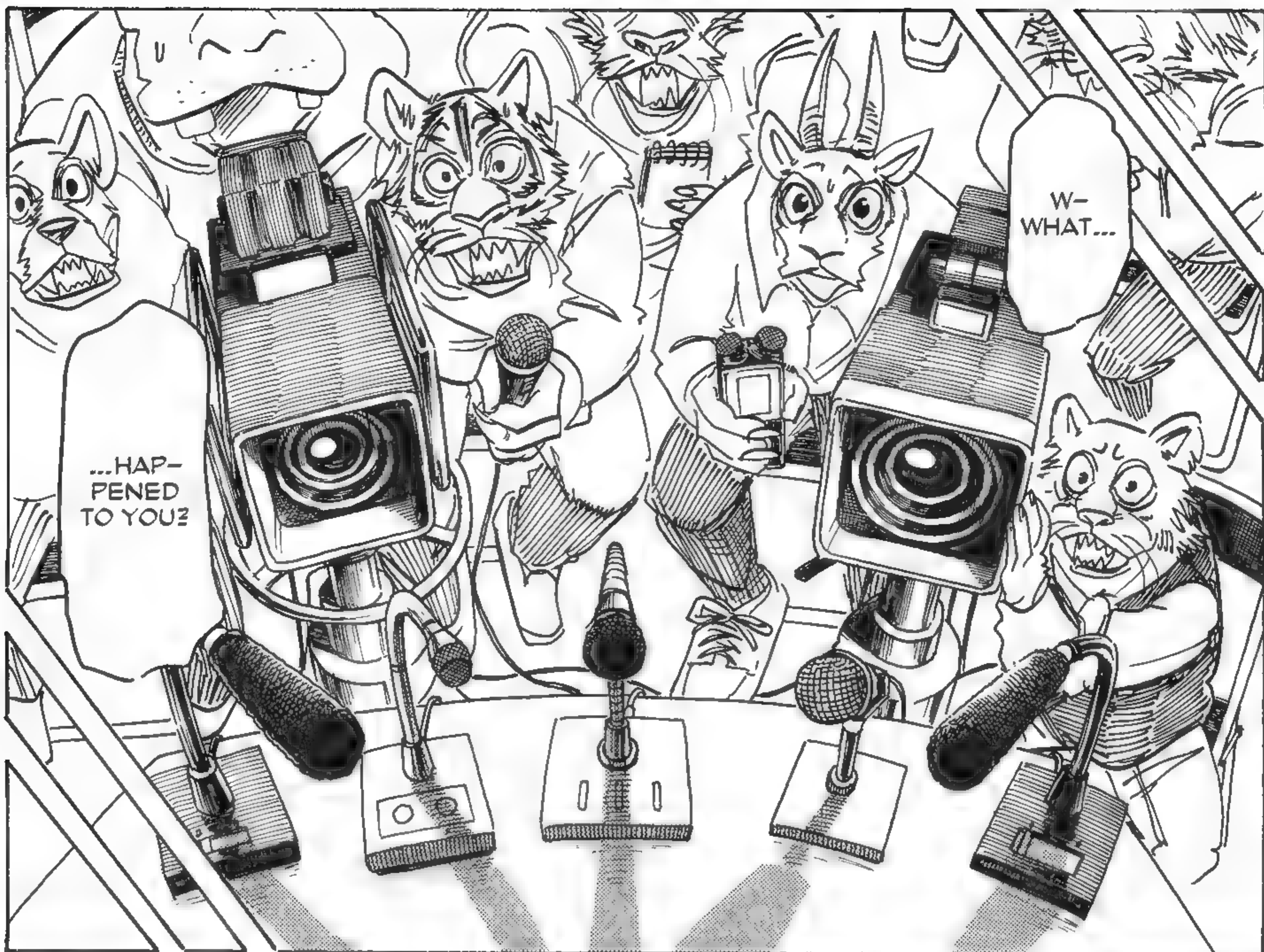


WHO IS
THAT?

IT'S
COMING
FROM
OVER
THERE...
FROM
THAT
TORCH.

W-
WHAT
SCENT
IS
THAT?





IS IT
MINE
...?

...IS A MIX
OF CARNI-
VORE AND
HERBIVORE
BLOOD!

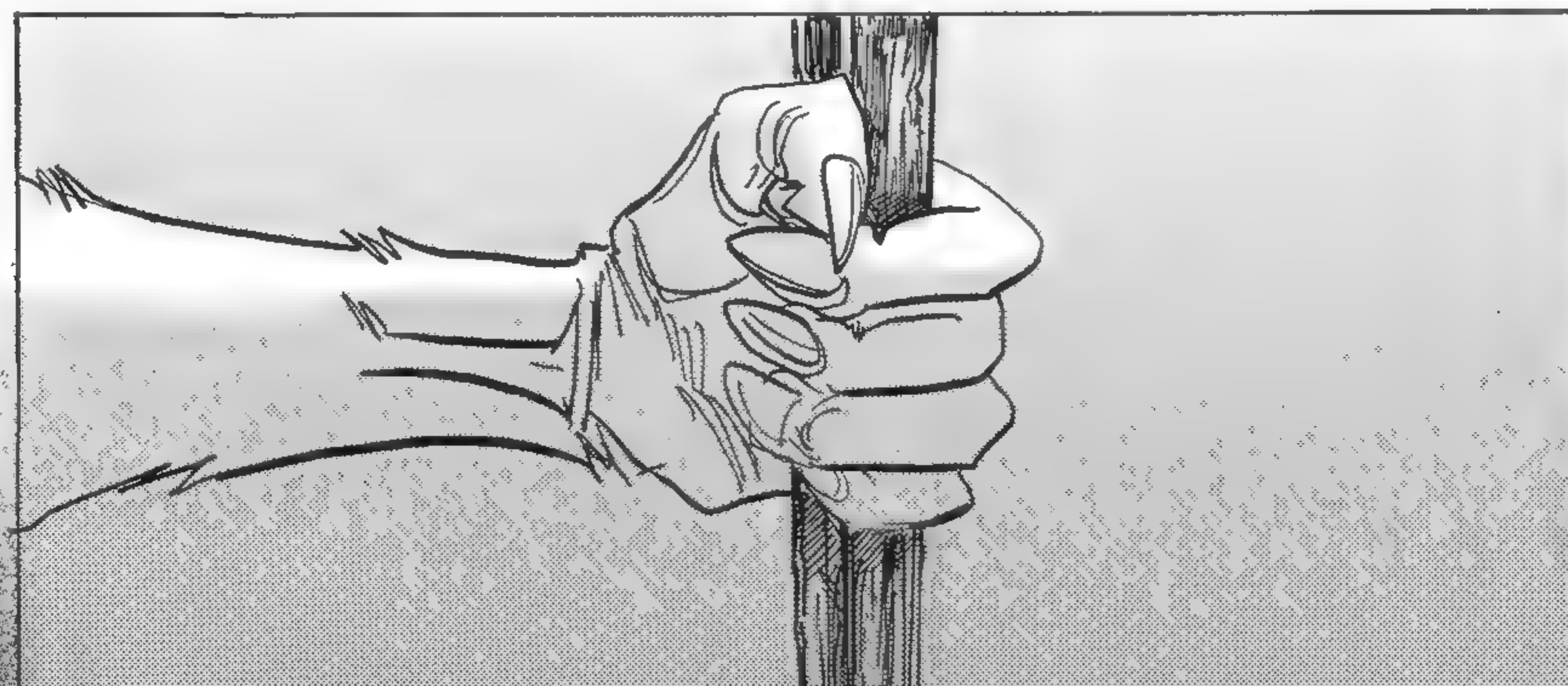
WAIT...
THAT
BLOOD...



...AND...
CAN IT
BE?
DEER
BLOOD?

...WOLF
BLOOD...

NO.
IT'S...



Horns Conglomerate

New CEO

Speech

I'M LOUIS,
A RED DEER.
I'VE JUST
ASSUMED
THE ROLE OF
CEO OF THE
HORNS CON-
GLOMERATE.

AHEM
...

SORRY
I'M LATE.
I WAS
DONATING
BLOOD.





IN THIS
PRESS
CONFERENCE,
I'D LIKE
TO
ADDRESS...

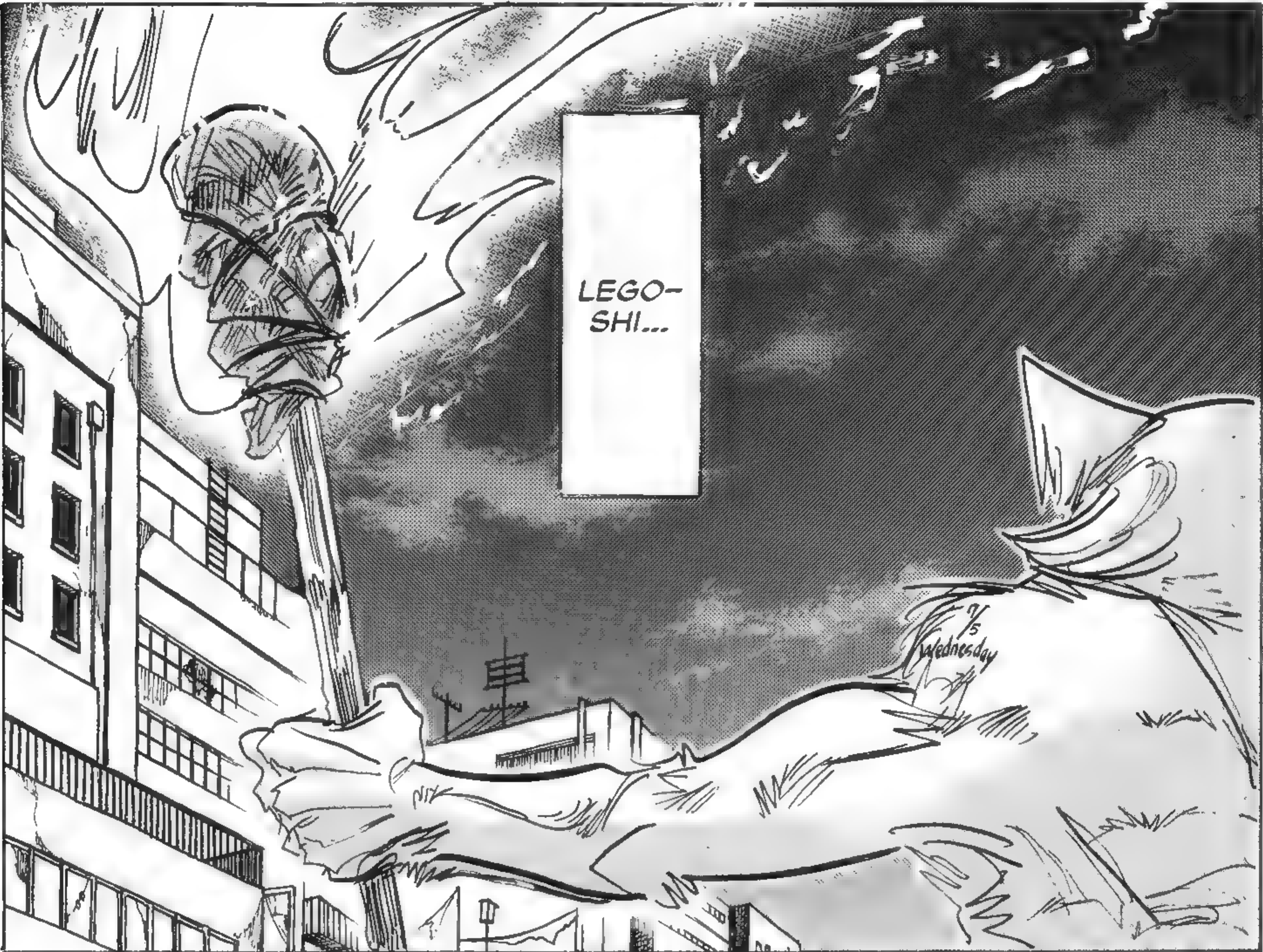
...EVERY
BEAST
IN OUR
COMMUNITY.



LEGOSHI...
IT'S YOU!



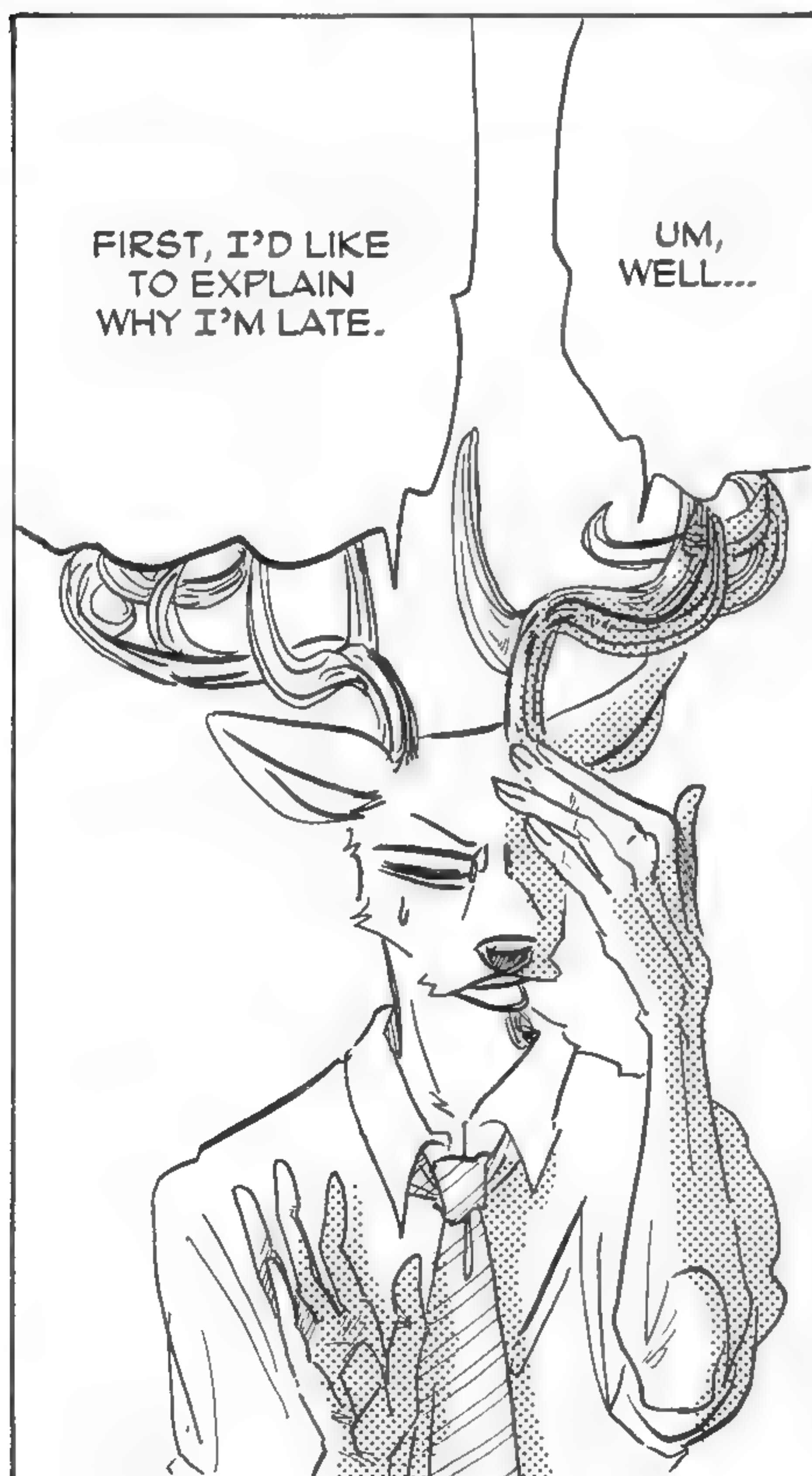
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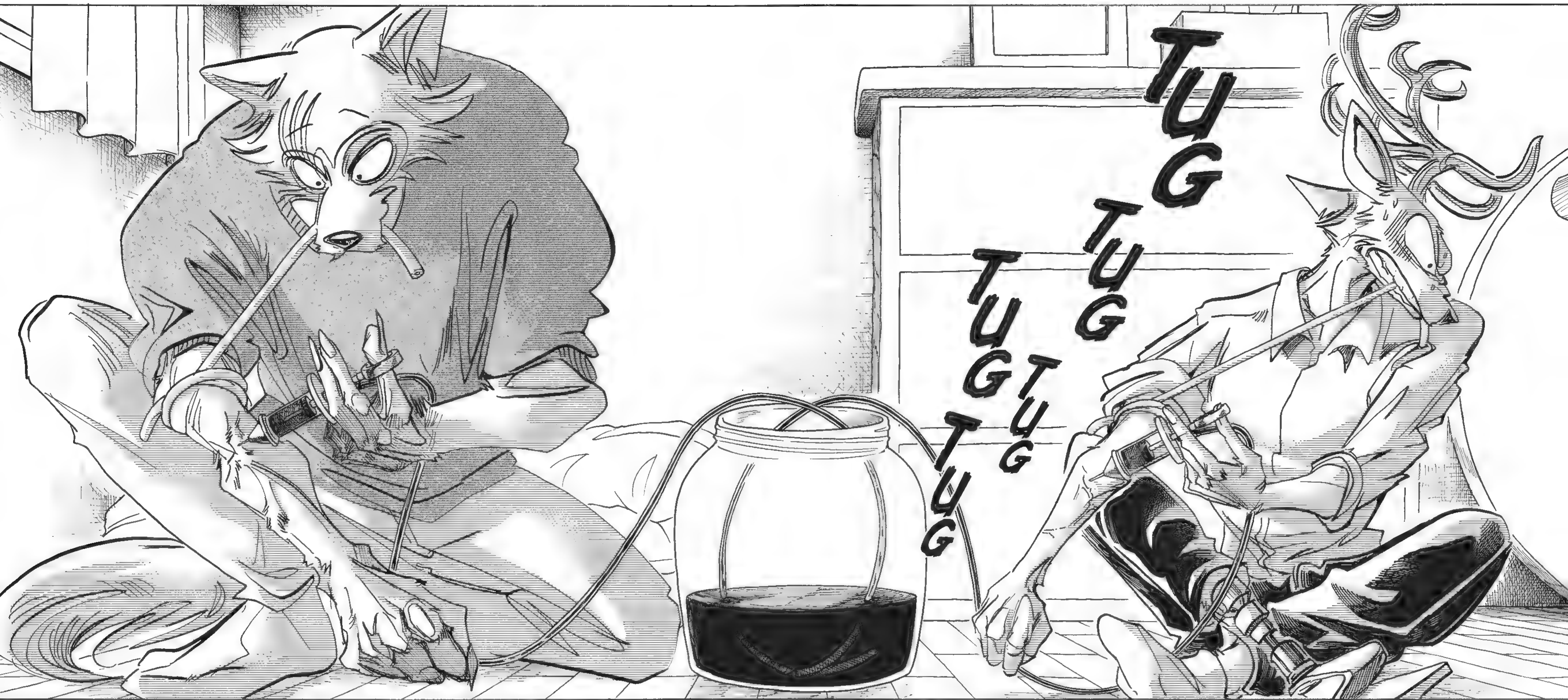
LEGO-SHI...



IS MY
BLOOD
AND YOURS
BURNING
WELL OVER
THERE?







WHAT?
I'M DRAWING
A LOT OF
BLOOD TOO!

I CAN TELL FROM
THE SCENT THAT THE
BLOOD INSIDE THE
TANK IS 50% WOLF,
50% DEER.

I'M DRAWING
A LOT MORE
BLOOD THAN
YOU, LEGOSHI!
DO YOUR
PART!

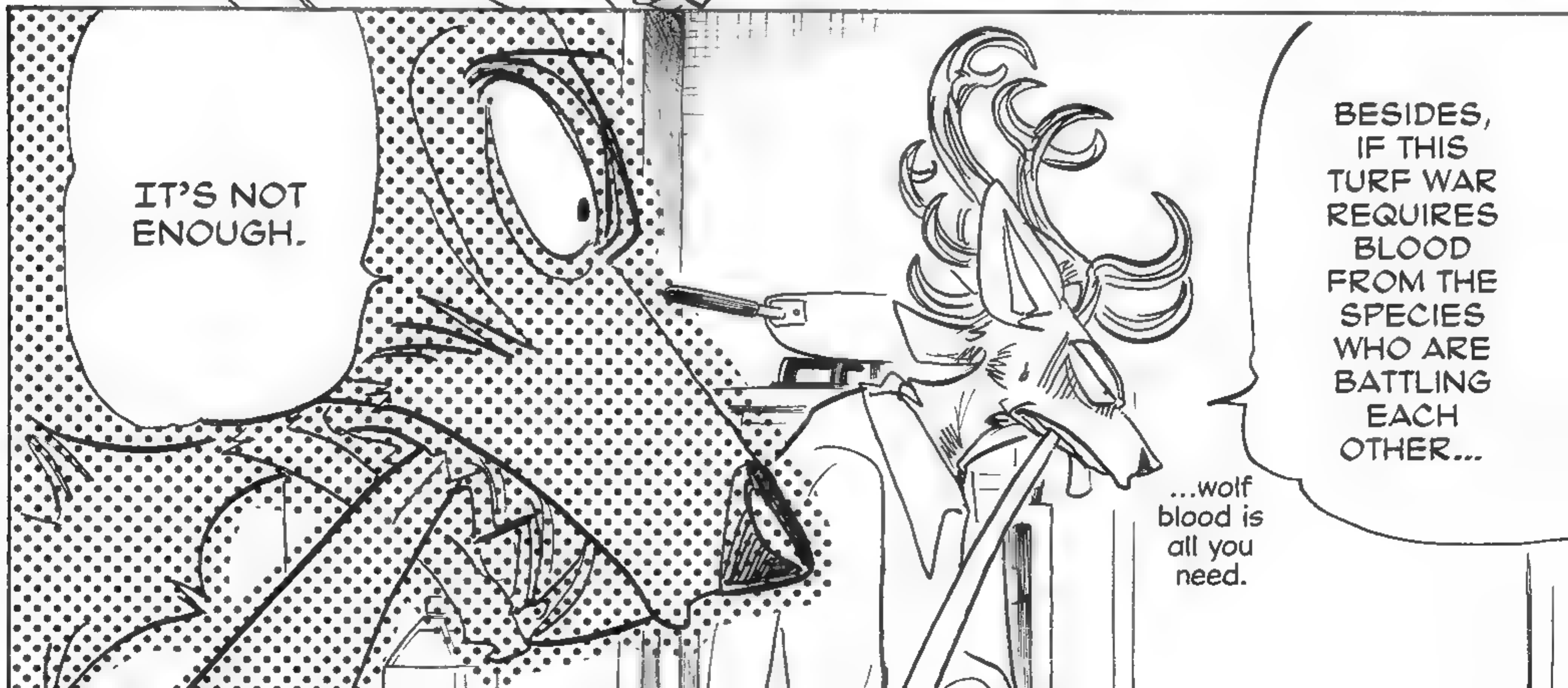
YIKES!
I'M
START-
ING TO
FEEL
DIZZY.



HOW COME
I HAD TO BE THE
ONE TO PICK UP THIS
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT
AND COME TO
YOUR PLACE?
I'M YOUR
SENIOR!

ACTUALLY...
DID YOU KNOW
OUR BIRTHDAYS
ARE ONLY ABOUT
TWO WEEKS APART?
YOU WERE BORN IN
MARCH. I WAS
BORN IN APRIL.

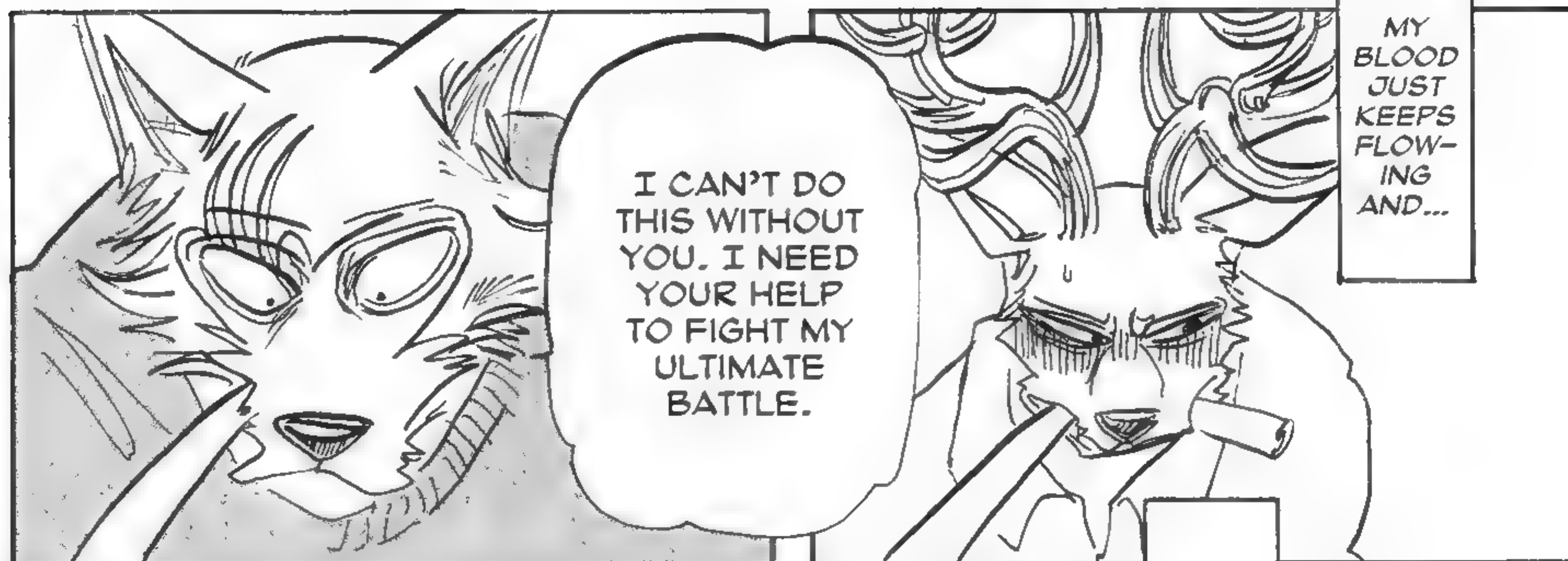
SO WHAT?
I STARTED
SCHOOL
A YEAR
EARLIER.



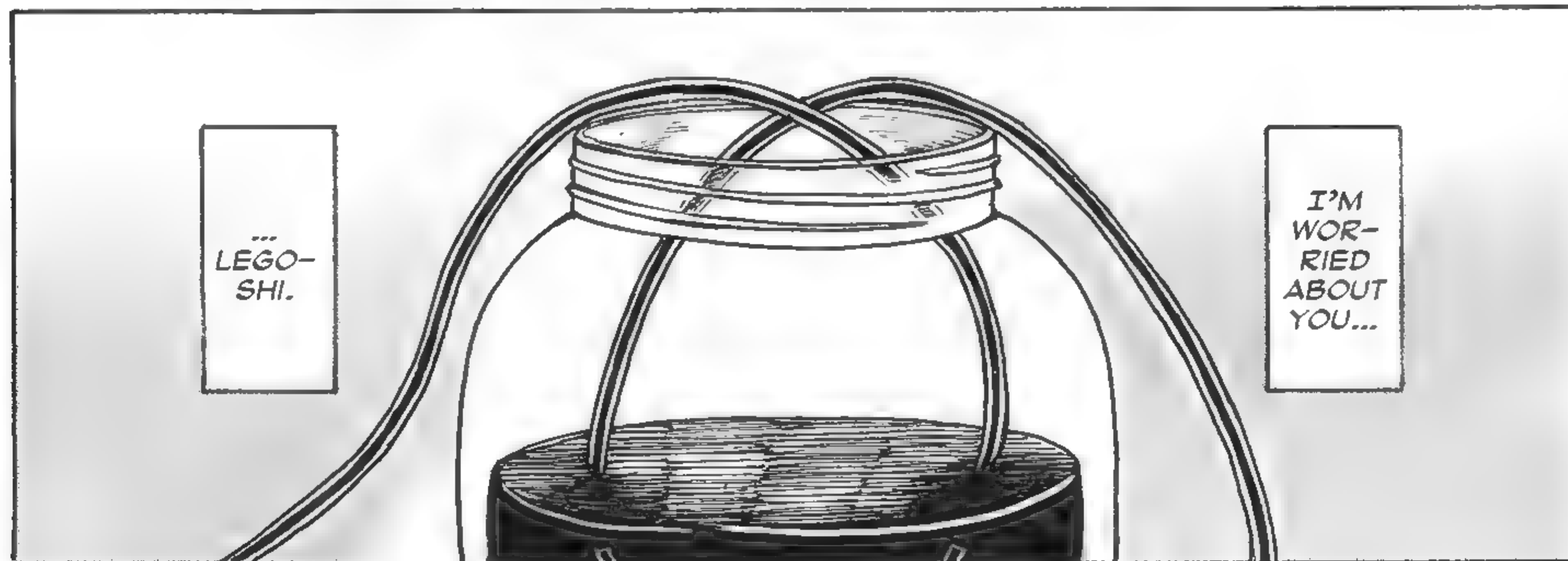
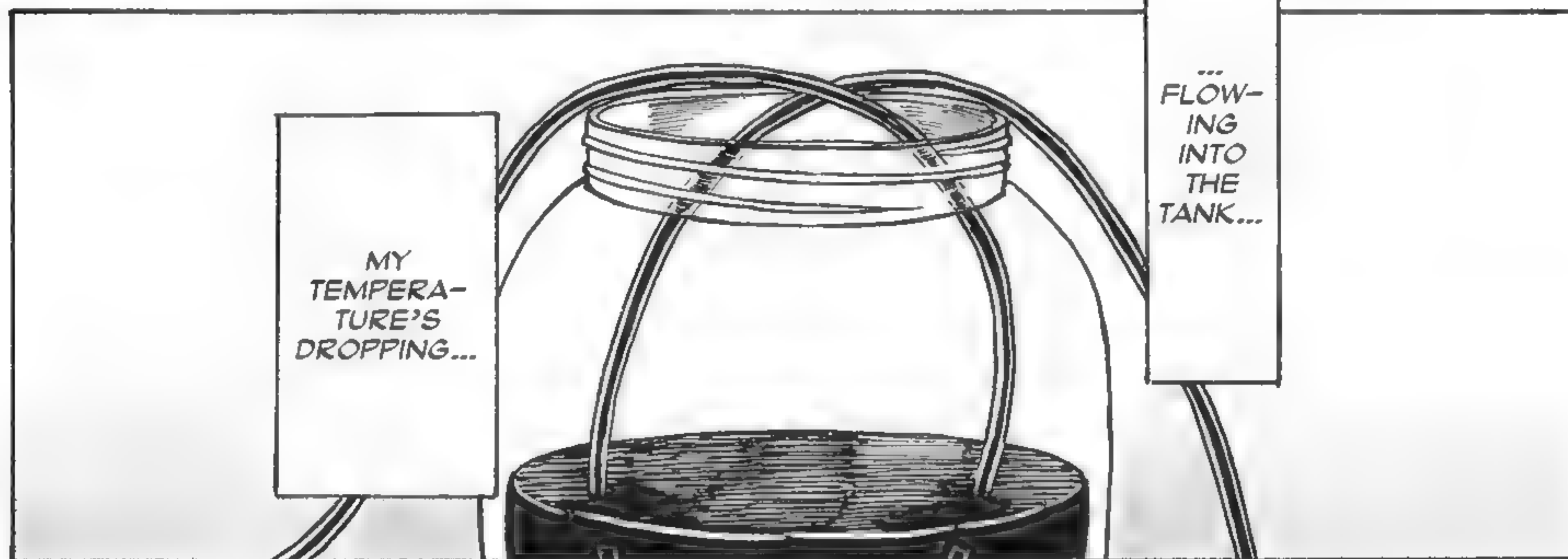
IT'S NOT
ENOUGH.

BESIDES,
IF THIS
TURF WAR
REQUIRES
BLOOD
FROM THE
SPECIES
WHO ARE
BATTLING
EACH
OTHER...

...wolf
blood is
all you
need.



MY BLOOD JUST KEEPS FLOW-ING AND...





DON'T
WORRY,
LOUIS.

UH-
OH...

THIS
CAN'T
BE
GOOD
...

YOU
LOOK
PALE,
LOUIS.

WE'D
BETTER
STOP NOW.

SEE?
THERE'S
ENOUGH
BLOOD IN
THE TANK
ALREADY.

I CAN
HANDLE
THIS.



NOW
I'M
CON-
FIDENT
I'LL BE
VICTO-
RIOUS
TOMOR-
ROW!

I'LL USE
IT TO FUEL
MY TORCH.

YOU'VE
GIVEN
ME YOUR
BLOOD.
YOU'VE
DONE
ENOUGH.



IF I
DON'T DO
SOMETHING
FAST,
LEGOSHI
WILL DIE ON
THE FIELD
OF BATTLE.

HE'S
DOOMED.



I
WASN'T
ABLE TO
SAVE MY
FATHER
OR
IBUKI!
I DON'T
WANT
LEGOSHI
TO DIE
TOO!

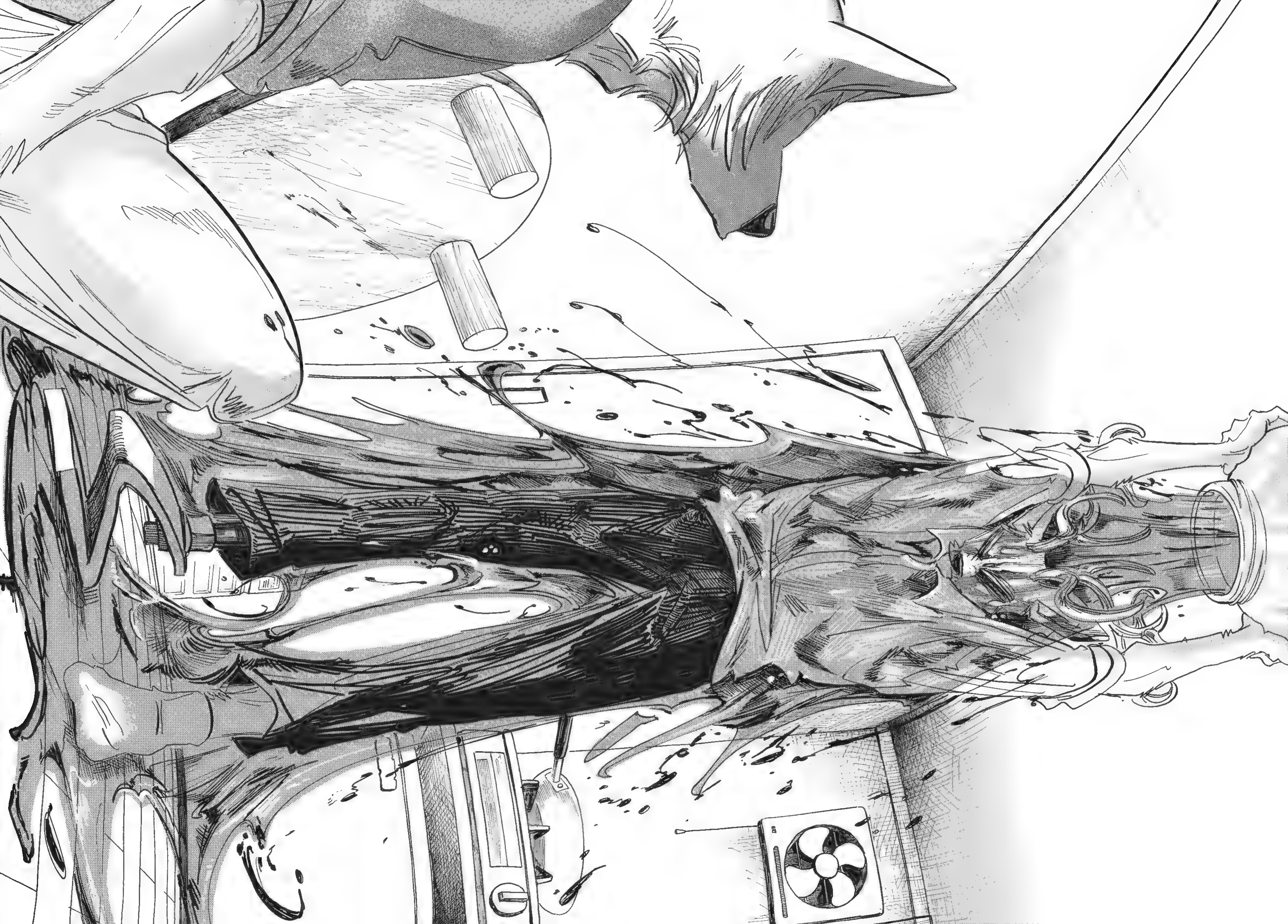
SUP-
PORTING
LEGOSHI
FROM
BEHIND
THE
SCENES
ISN'T
ENOUGH.
I HAVE
TO FIGHT
BESIDE
HIM.

...CAN
BE WON
WITHOUT
ALLIES.


BUT
NO
BATTLE
WORTH
FIGHT-
ING...

HE'S
FIGHTING
ALONE.









W-WHY'D
YOU DO
THAT,
LOUIS?

OH NO...
TH-THAT
LOOKS
LIKE AN
EXPENSIVE
SHIRT...

YOU'LL
NEVER BE
ABLE TO
DEFEAT MELON
WITH THIS
UNCOMMITTED,
LUKEWARM
BLOOD!



WE NEED
TO PRE-
PARE FOR
A SERIOUS
BATTLE.

LET'S
DRAW OUR
BLOOD AGAIN!
I NEED TO BE
HOT-BLOODED
FOR THIS
TO WORK!



...AND
YOUR FIRST
THOUGHT WAS
CONCERN
FOR ME—
AND MY SHIRT.
THAT'S WHY
I'M ENTRUST-
ING YOU WITH
EVERYTHING I
HAVE TO GIVE.

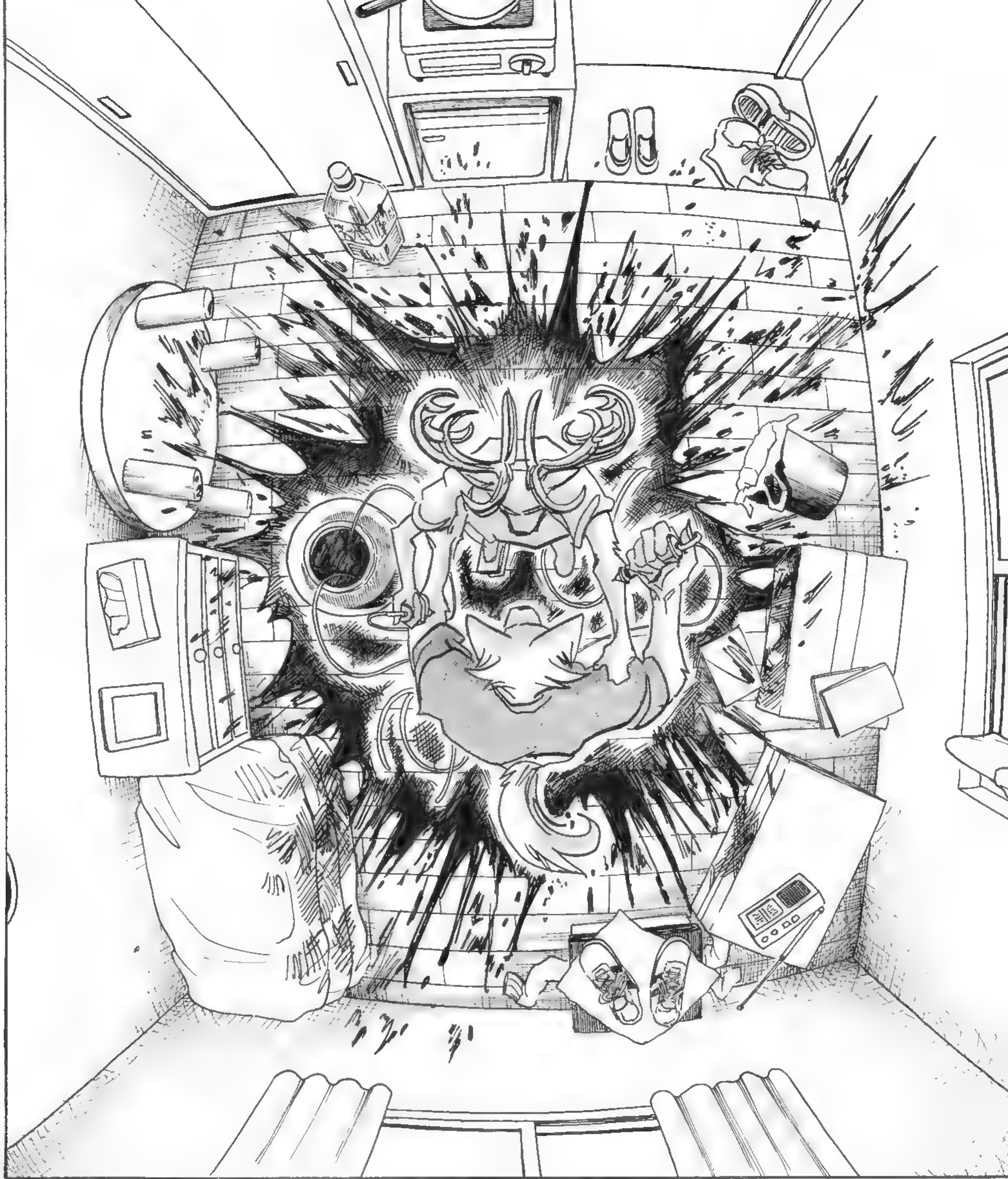
I
POURED
ALL THE
BLOOD
WE
GATH-
ERED
ALL
OVER
MY-
SELF...



I'LL GIVE
YOU THE
BEST
BLOOD I
HAVE AND
AS MUCH
AS IT
TAKES!

YOU
DEVOURED
ME. I WAS
DEVOURED
BY YOU.







...FEEL
YOUR
BLOOD
RISE
WITHIN
YOU!









...IN OUR
NIGHTLIFE
DISTRICT.

I WISH
TO DISCUSS
THE CURRENT
STATE OF
THE **BLACK**
MARKET...

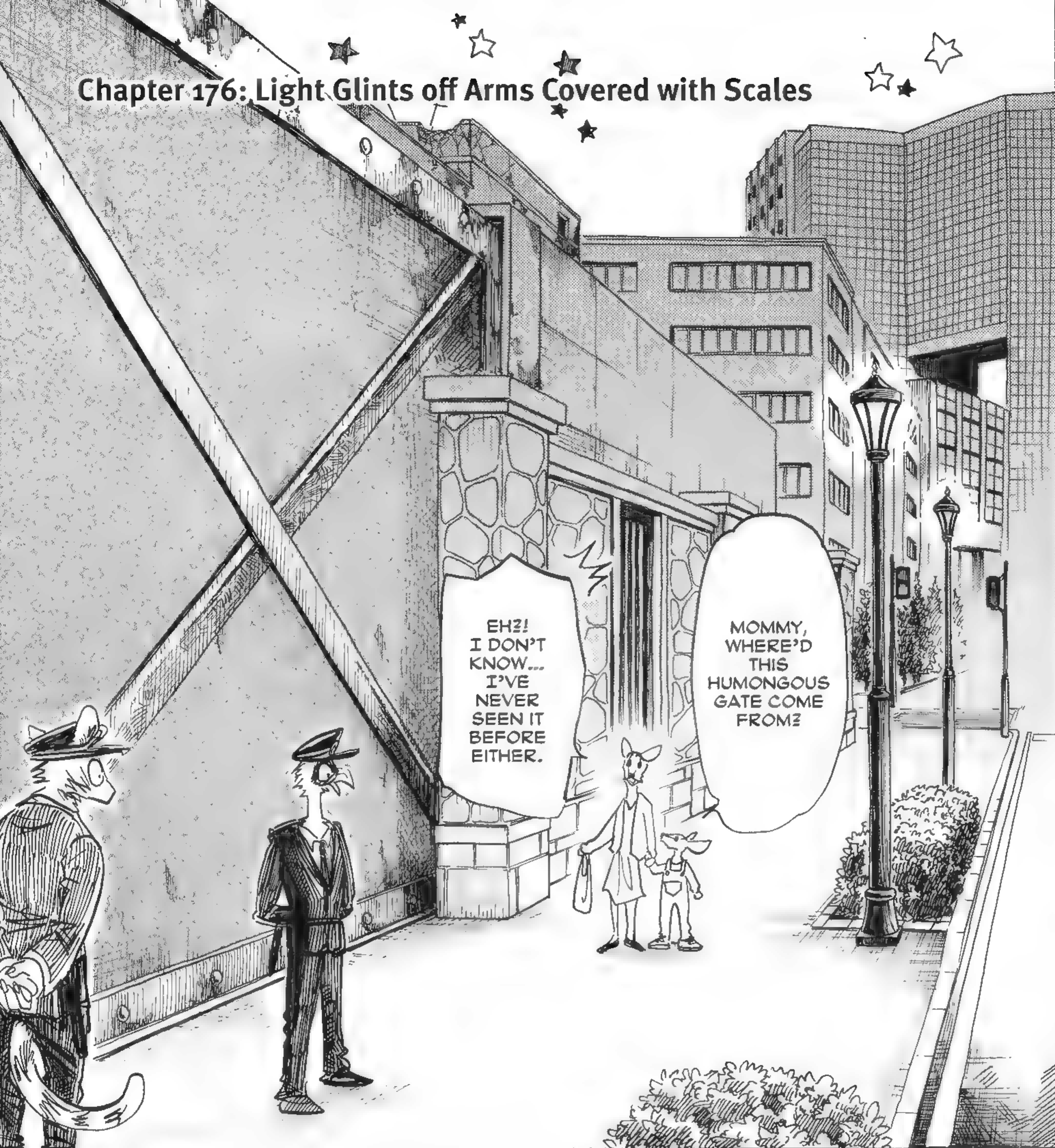
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Chapter 176: Light Glints off Arms Covered with Scales



IT'S
BEEN
DECADES
SINCE THE
BLACK
MARKET
WAS LAST
SEALED
OFF...



BUT NOT
YOU,
YAHYA.

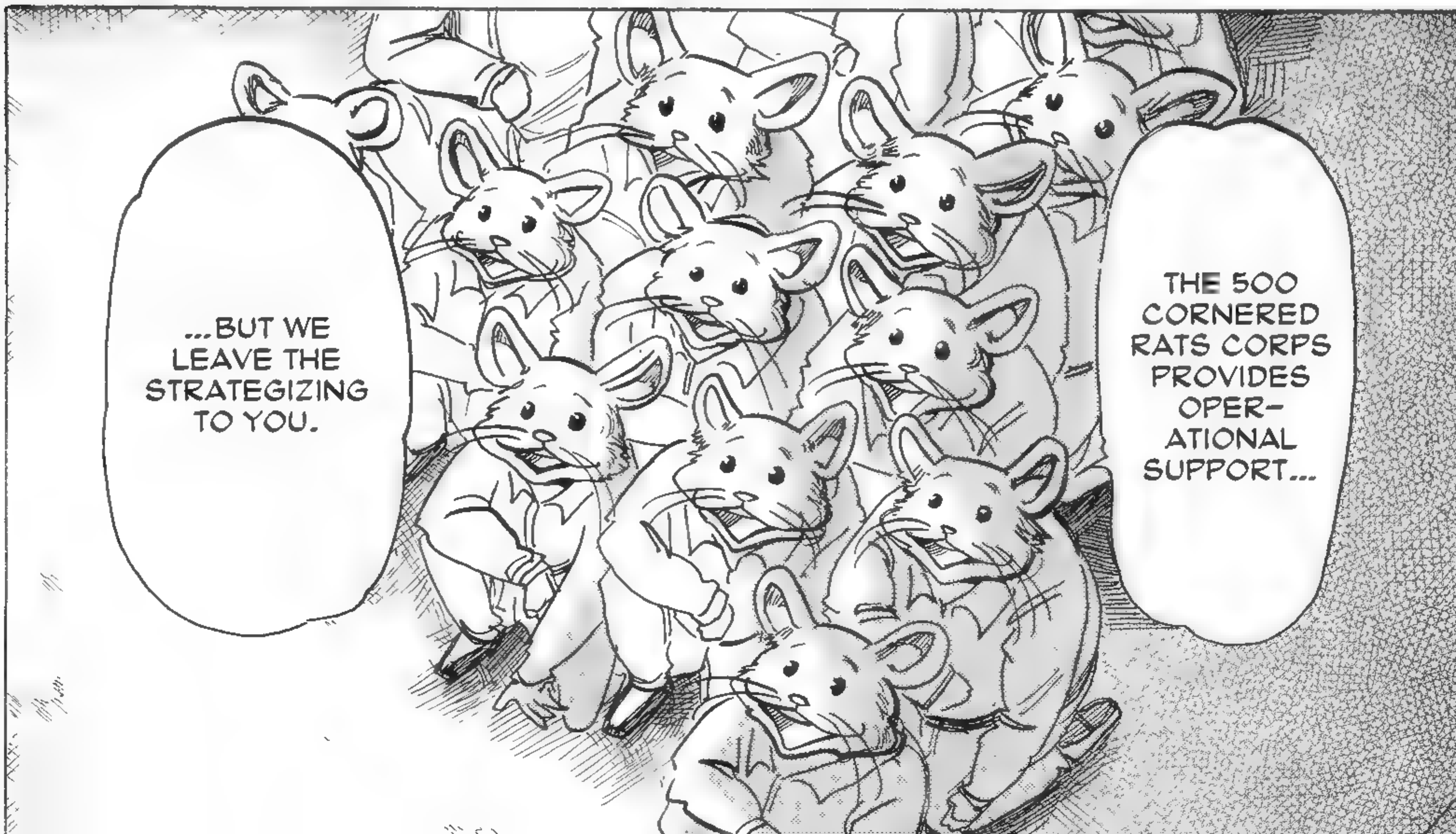
HMPH.

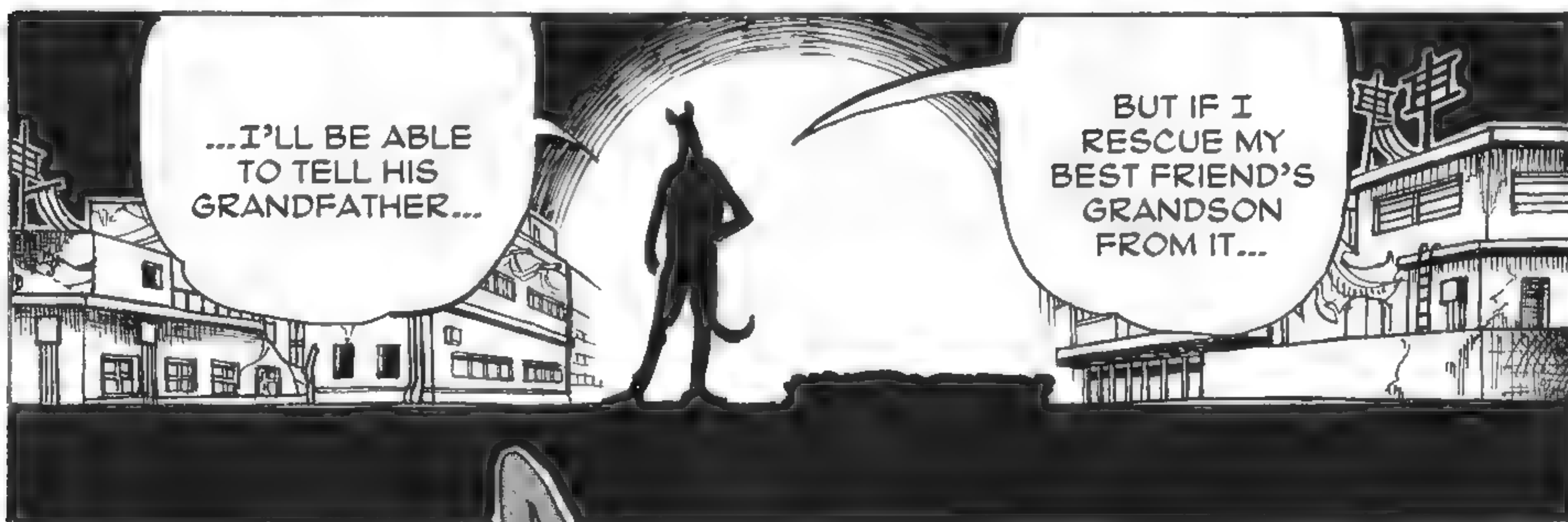
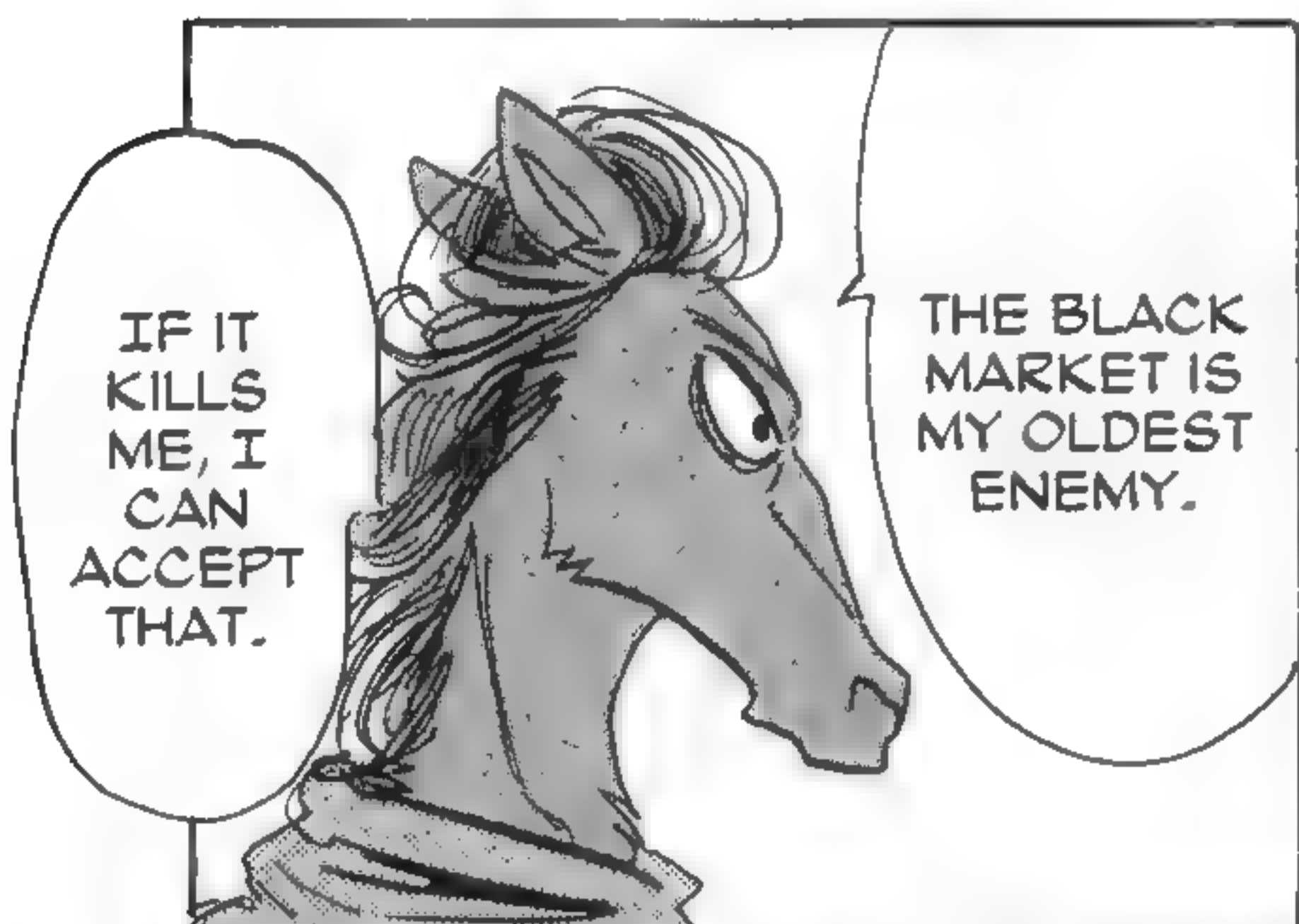
THIS
GATEWAY
WAS BUILT
A LONG
TIME AGO.
THE POLICE
WANTED TO
TURN A
BLIND EYE
TO WHAT
GOES ON
BEHIND
THESE
WALLS.

NOT US.

NO...

YOU AND
YOUR CORPS
HAVE KEPT
THE PEACE IN
OUR CITY.







WHAT
ARE
YOU
DOING
HERE?

GOSHA
Z!



YAHYA,
ARE YOU
TRYING
TO SAVE
LEGOSHI
=

I CLIMBED
UP HERE
BECAUSE THE
BLACK MARKET
ENTRANCE IS
BLOCKED OFF.
THEN I SAW
YOU.

FSSZZZ

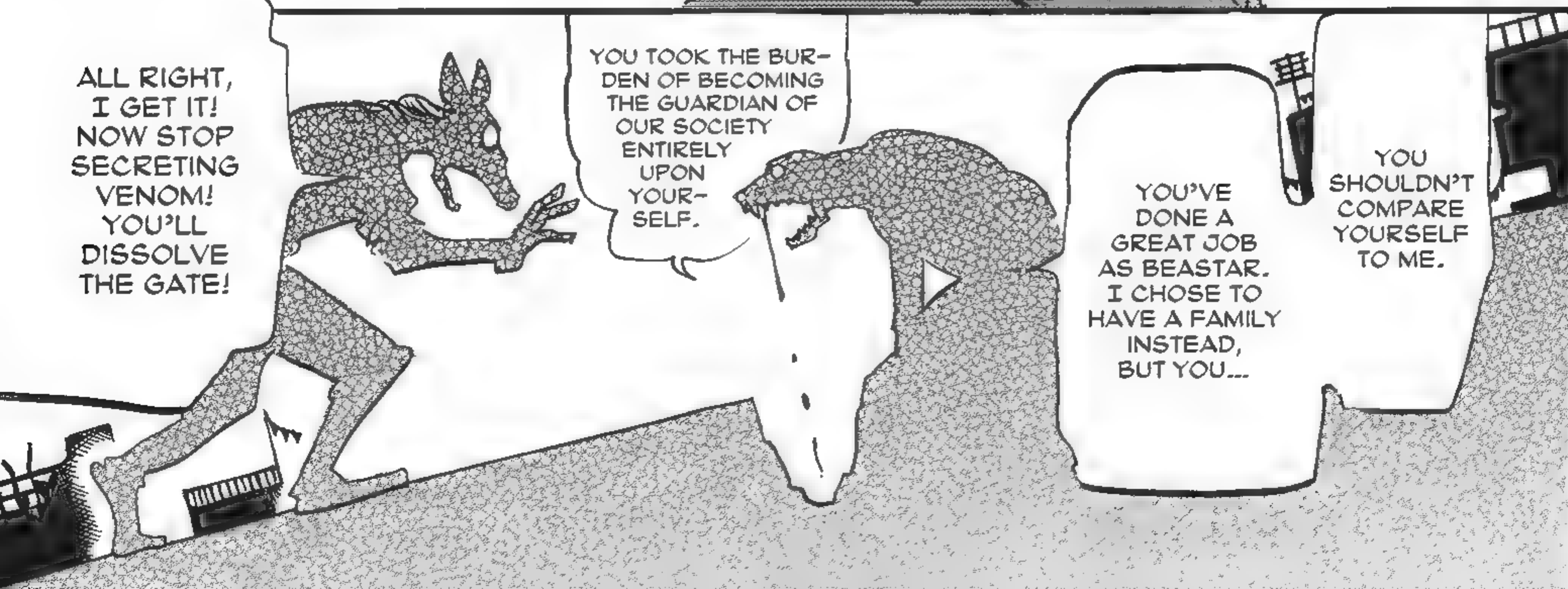
FSSZZZ



SO
SETTLE
DOWN.
SERI-
OUSLY,
SETTLE
DOWN!

I'M JUST
TAKING
RESPONSIBILITY
FOR HAVING
DRAGGED THE
PUP INTO THIS
MESS.

I'M
NOT
SAVING
HIM.



ALL RIGHT,
I GET IT!
NOW STOP
SECRETING
VENOM!
YOU'LL
DISSOLVE
THE GATE!

YOU TOOK THE BUR-
DEN OF BECOMING
THE GUARDIAN OF
OUR SOCIETY
ENTIRELY
UPON
YOUR-
SELF.

YOU'VE
DONE A
GREAT JOB
AS BEASTAR.
I CHOSE TO
HAVE A FAMILY
INSTEAD,
BUT YOU...

YOU
SHOULDN'T
COMPARE
YOURSELF
TO ME.

"KOMODO
DRAGON
VENOM
BECOMES
THICKER THE
STRONGER
THEIR
FEELINGS
ARE!"

"I CAN'T
CONTROL MY
VENOM WHEN
MY GRANDSON
IS INVOLVED!"

LOVE
BONDS
ALL
BEASTS

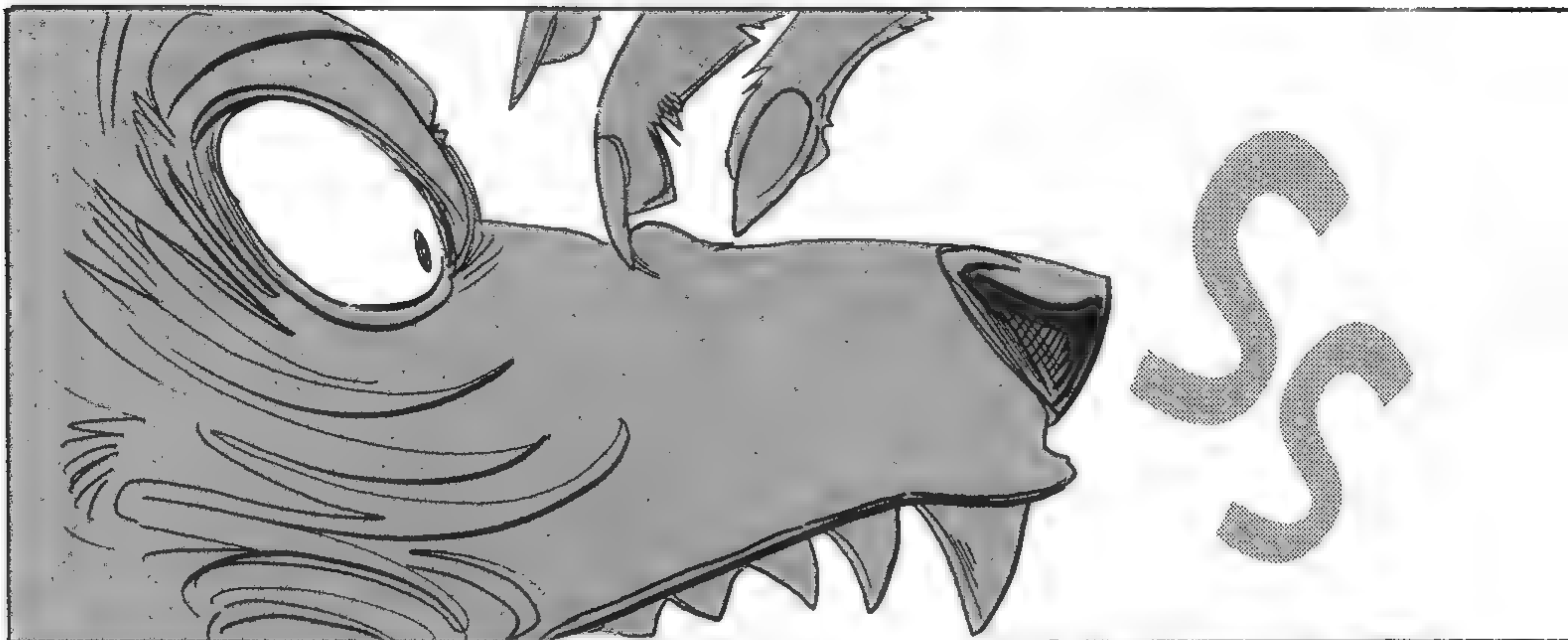
I CAN'T STAND
WATCHING YOU
LIQUEFY CONCRETE
OUT OF LOVE FOR
YOUR GRANDSON!

I'VE LIVED
MY LIFE AND
WORKED IN
SOLITUDE
BECAUSE
I DIDN'T
BELIEVE IN
LOVE.

ENOUGH
ALREADY









WOULD YOU LIKE A TASTE...?

AREN'T YOU CURIOUS ABOUT THE VENOMOUS FANGS OF KOMODO DRAGONS?



SORRY, GRAND-PA. I'M GOING TO HAVE TO...

...FIGHT YOUR SPECIES.



MY ULTIMATE TARGET IS THE SHISHI-GUMI AND ITS LEADER, MELON.



Shishi-gumi



Inari-gumi



Madara-gumi

THIS IS THE ORDER OF MY BATTLES ...

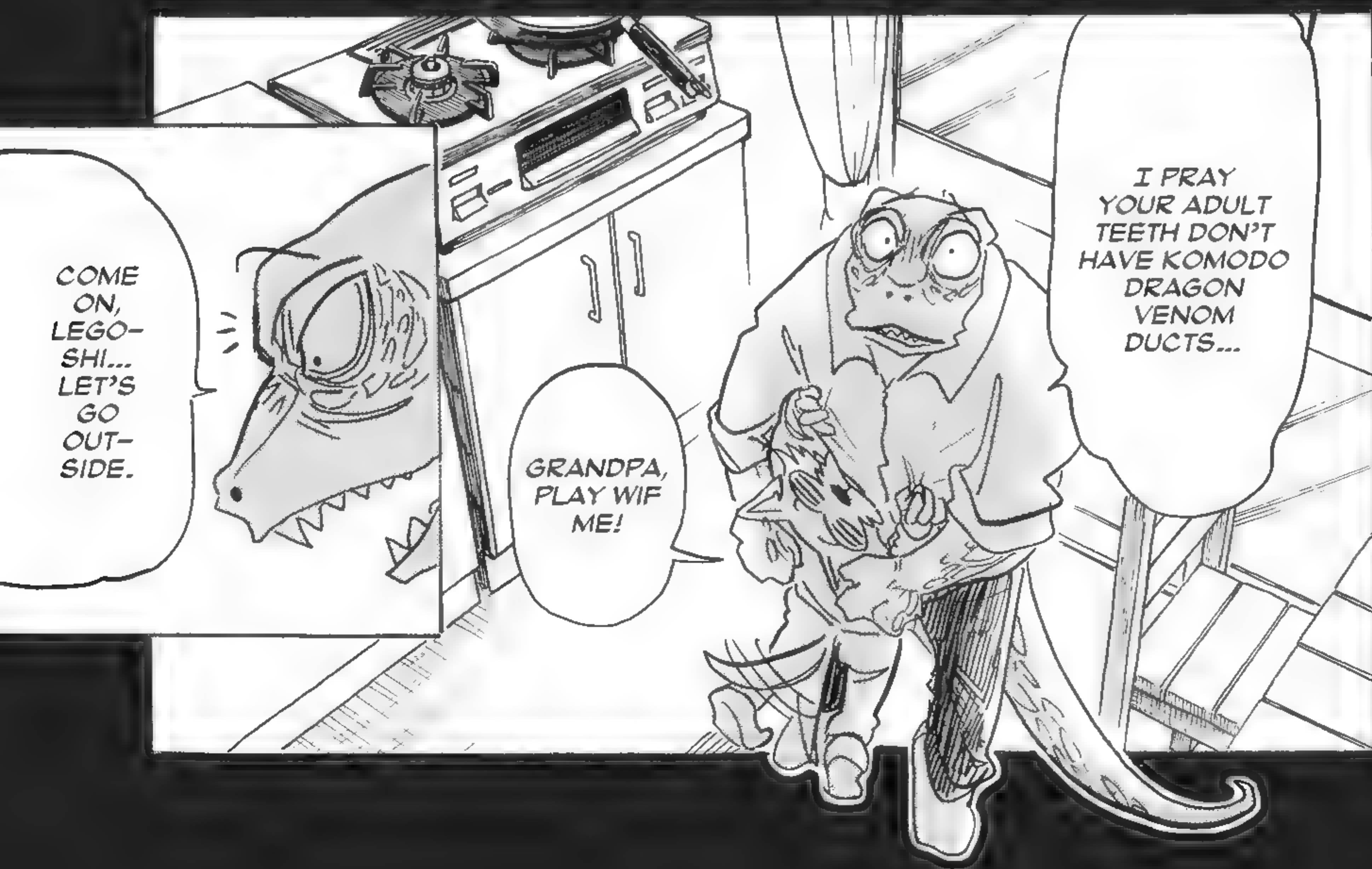
Doku-gumi




Legoshi



AT LEAST THE BLACK MARKET IS WHERE EVERY SPECIES KEEPS TO ITSELF. I WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT INTERFERENCE...





THEN YOUR
PERMANENT
TOOTH WILL
GROW IN BIG
AND STRONG.

THROW
YOUR BABY
TOOTH UP
ONTO A
ROOF FOR
GOOD LUCK.

I DON'T WANT
YOU TO BE
VENOMOUS...
I WANT YOU TO BE
ABLE TO TOUCH
OTHER BEASTS.

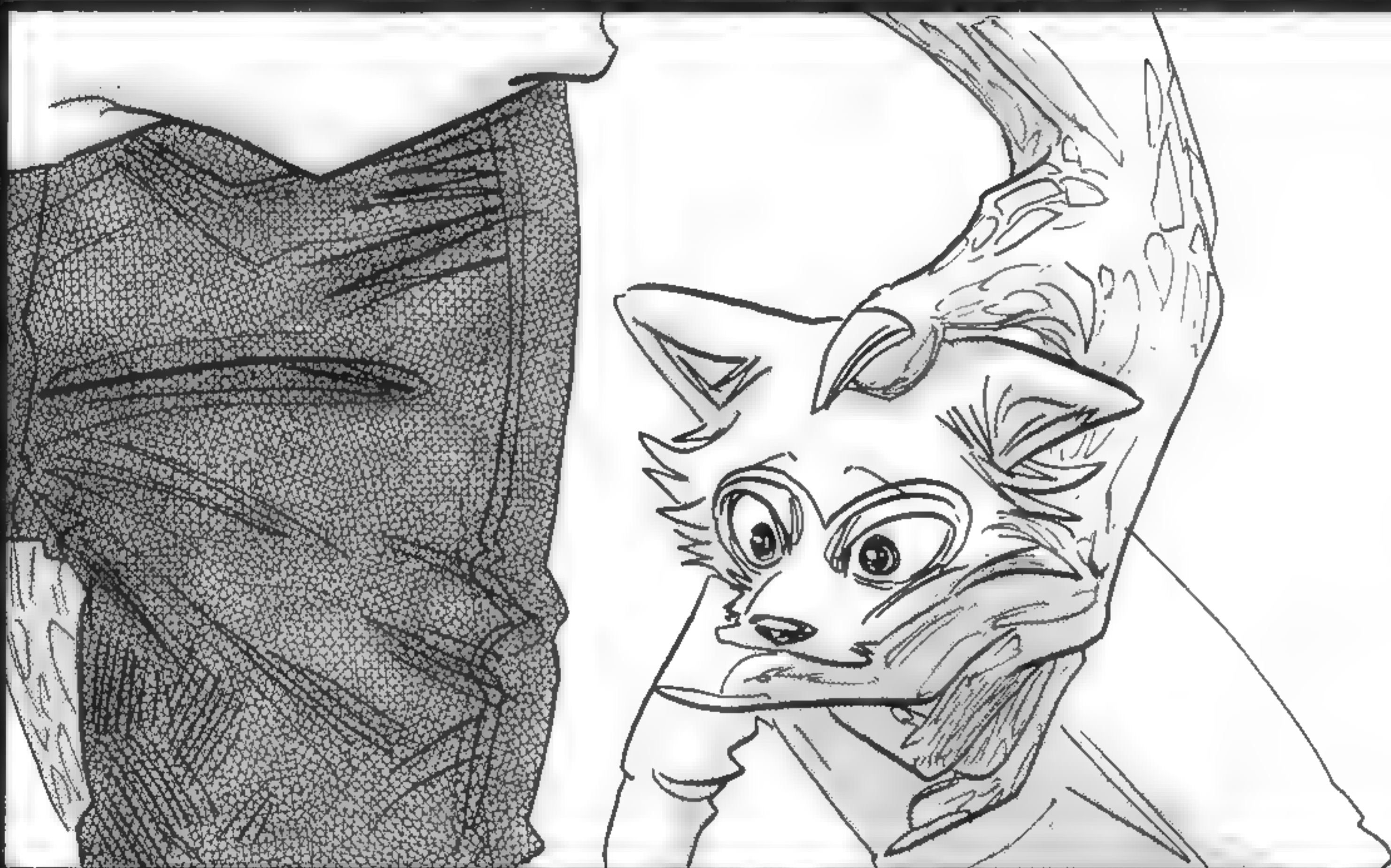
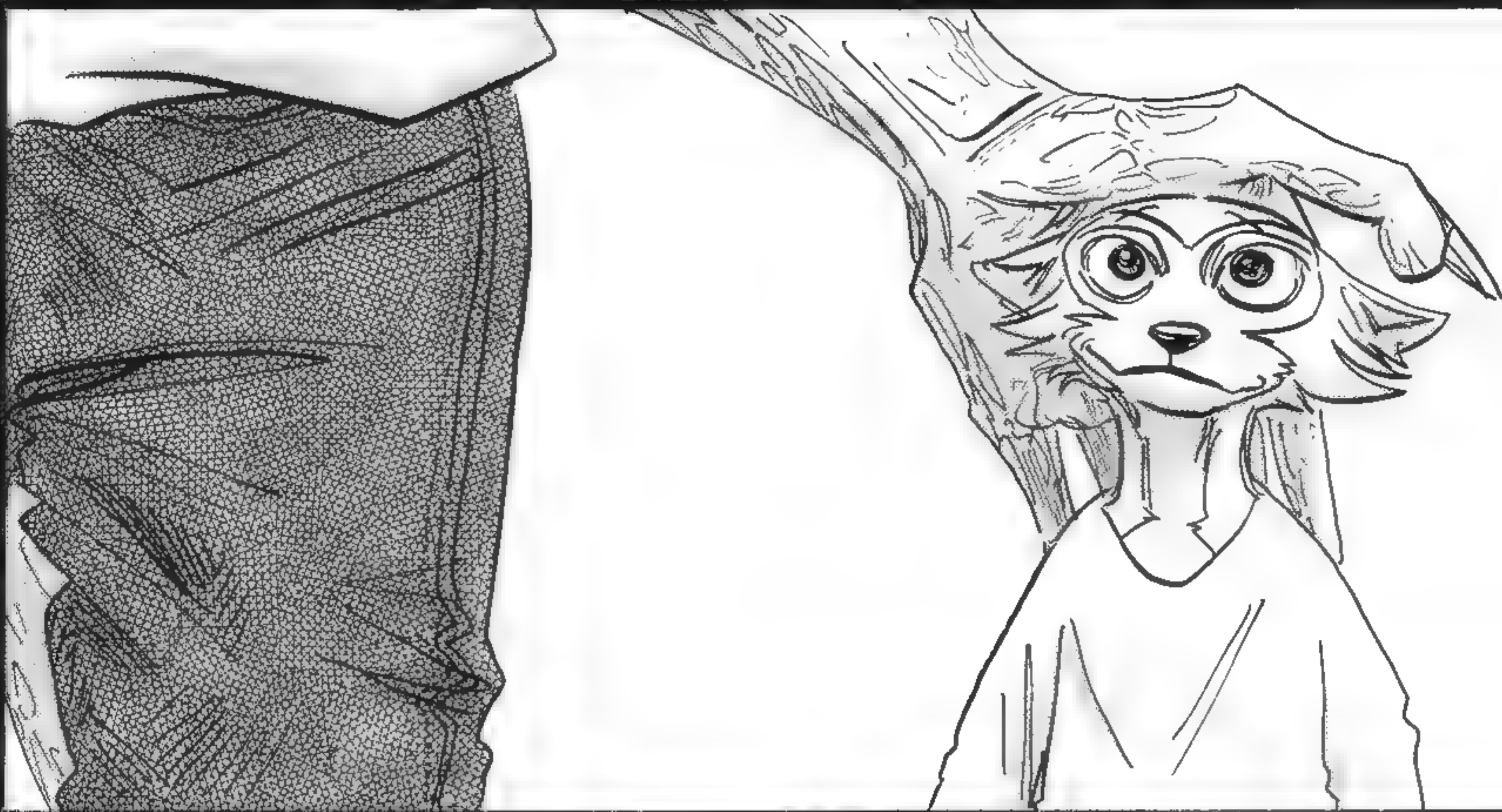
UH-
HUH.

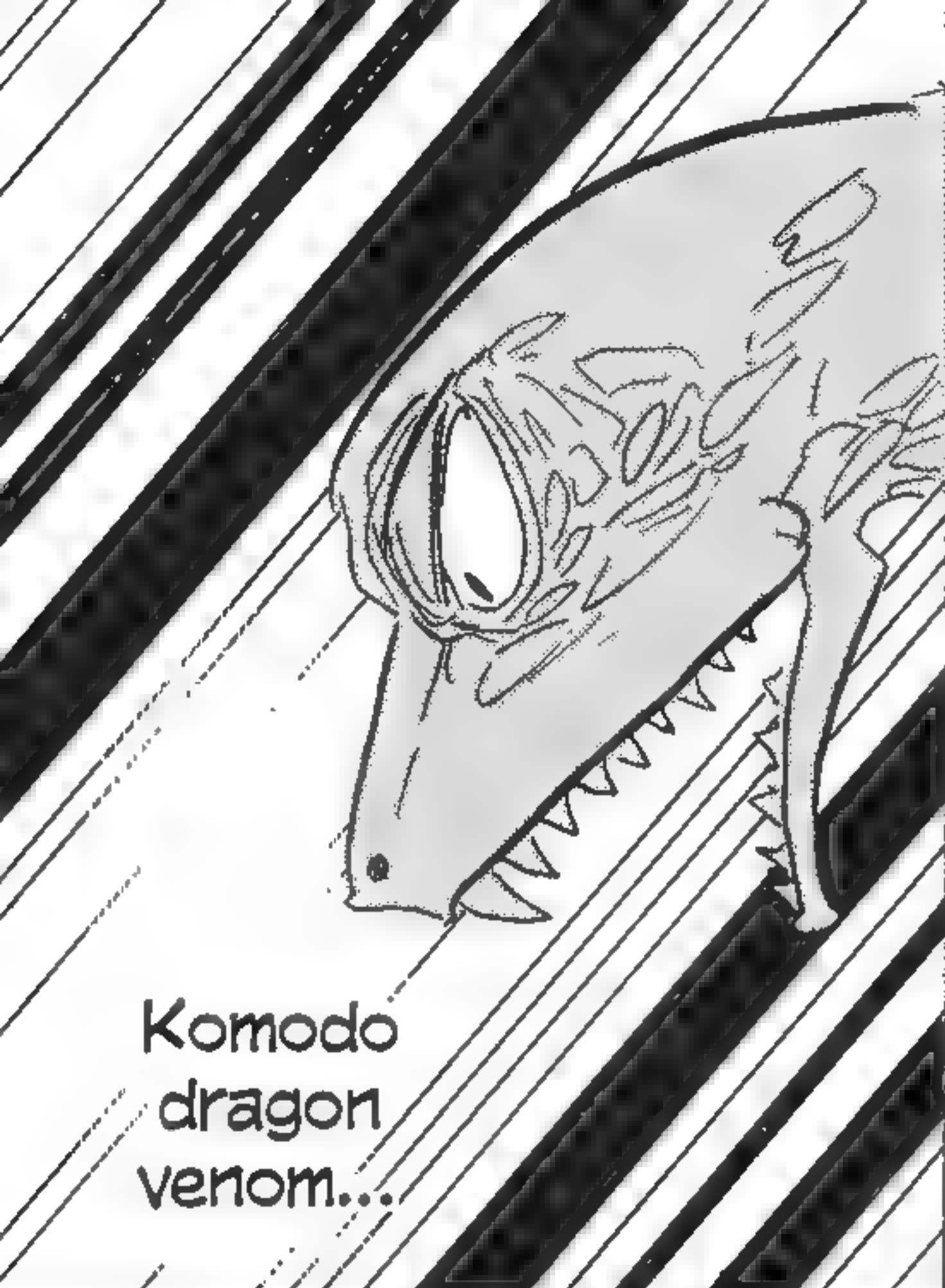
REALLY?
IT'S VERY
IMPORTANT
THAT YOU
DID.

DID YOU
THROW IT
AS FAR
AS YOU
COULD?

I
DID.

YEP!





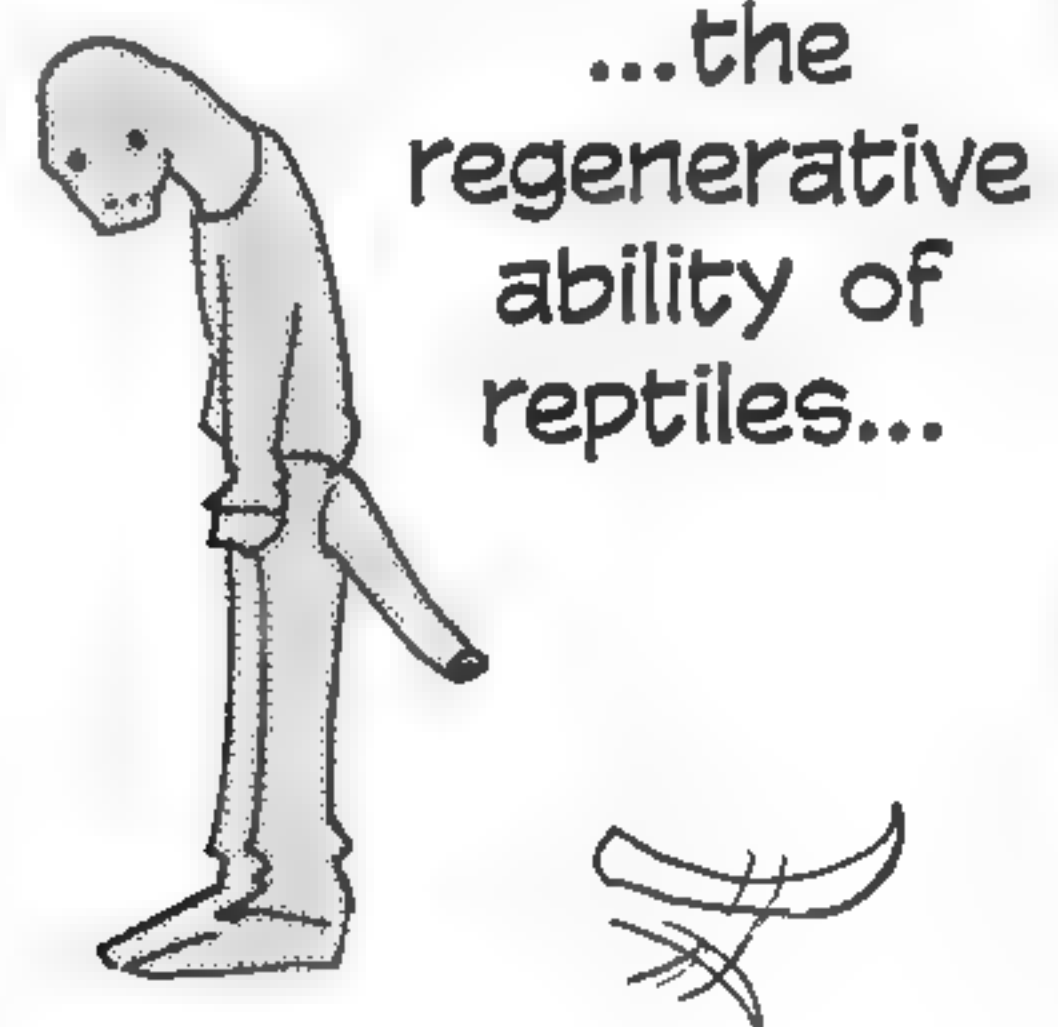
Komodo
dragon
venom...

...multiplied
by...



...a
beast
with
Komodo
dragon
ances-
try...

...multiplied
by...



...the
regenerative
ability of
reptiles...



Each species
has different
characteris-
tics.

Everyone's
body is a
mystery.



I LIKED
IT WHEN
GRANDPA
HUGGED
ME LIKE
THIS.

MY GENTLE
GRANDPA...
WHO TEN-
DERLY
HELD ME
WITH ARMS
COVERED
IN HARD
SCALES...

SOMETIMES IT
SEEMED LIKE
HE WOULD
LOVE ME TO
DEATH...



What
will be
the
result?

...multiplied
by love...

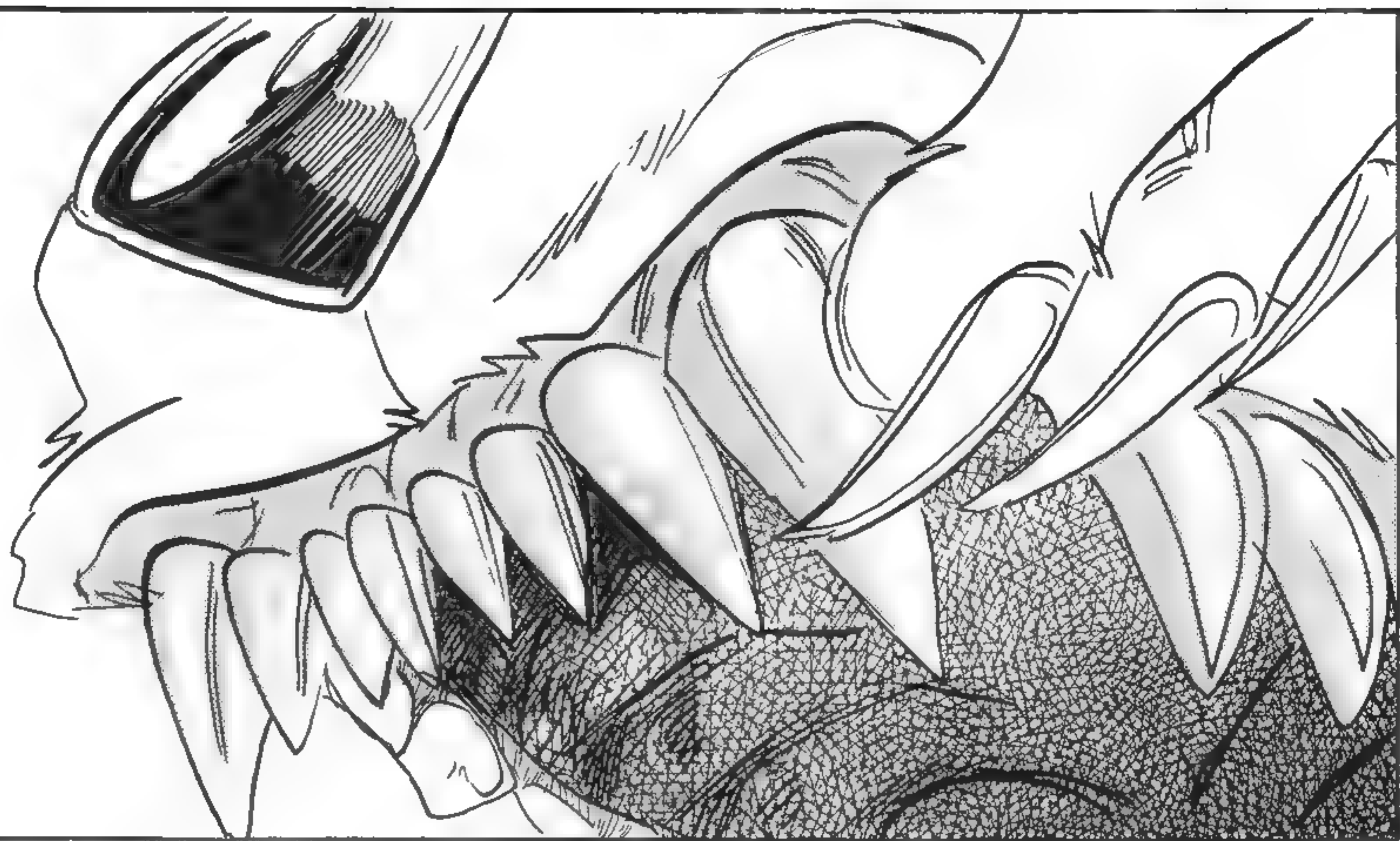




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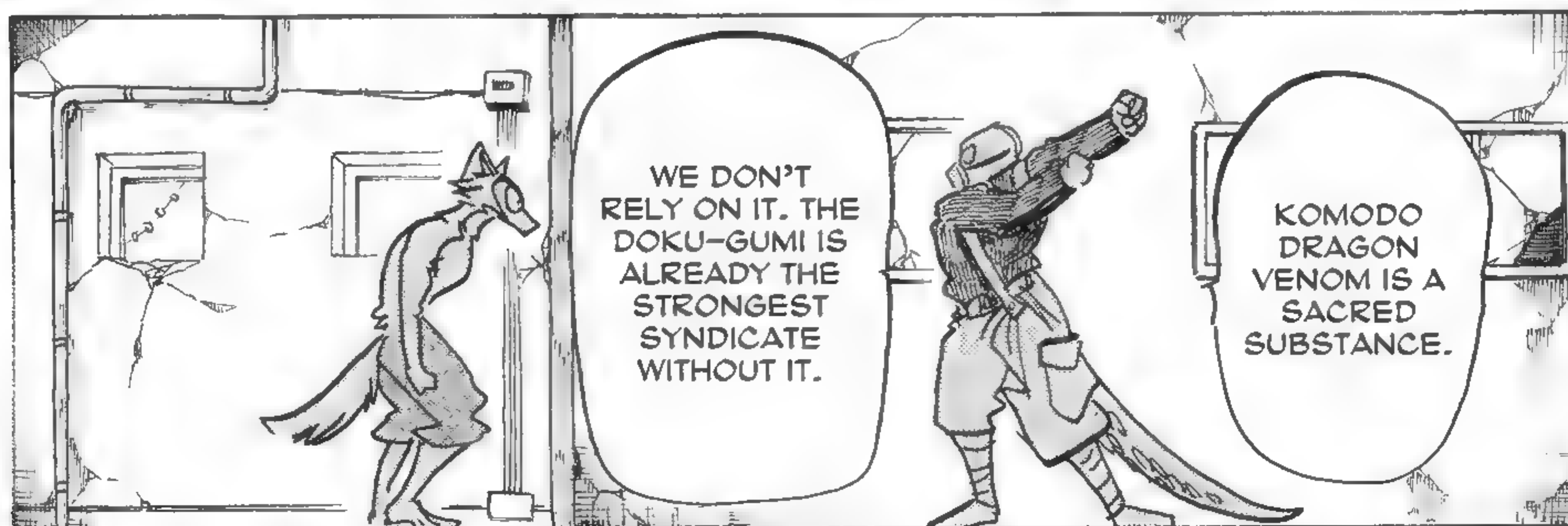
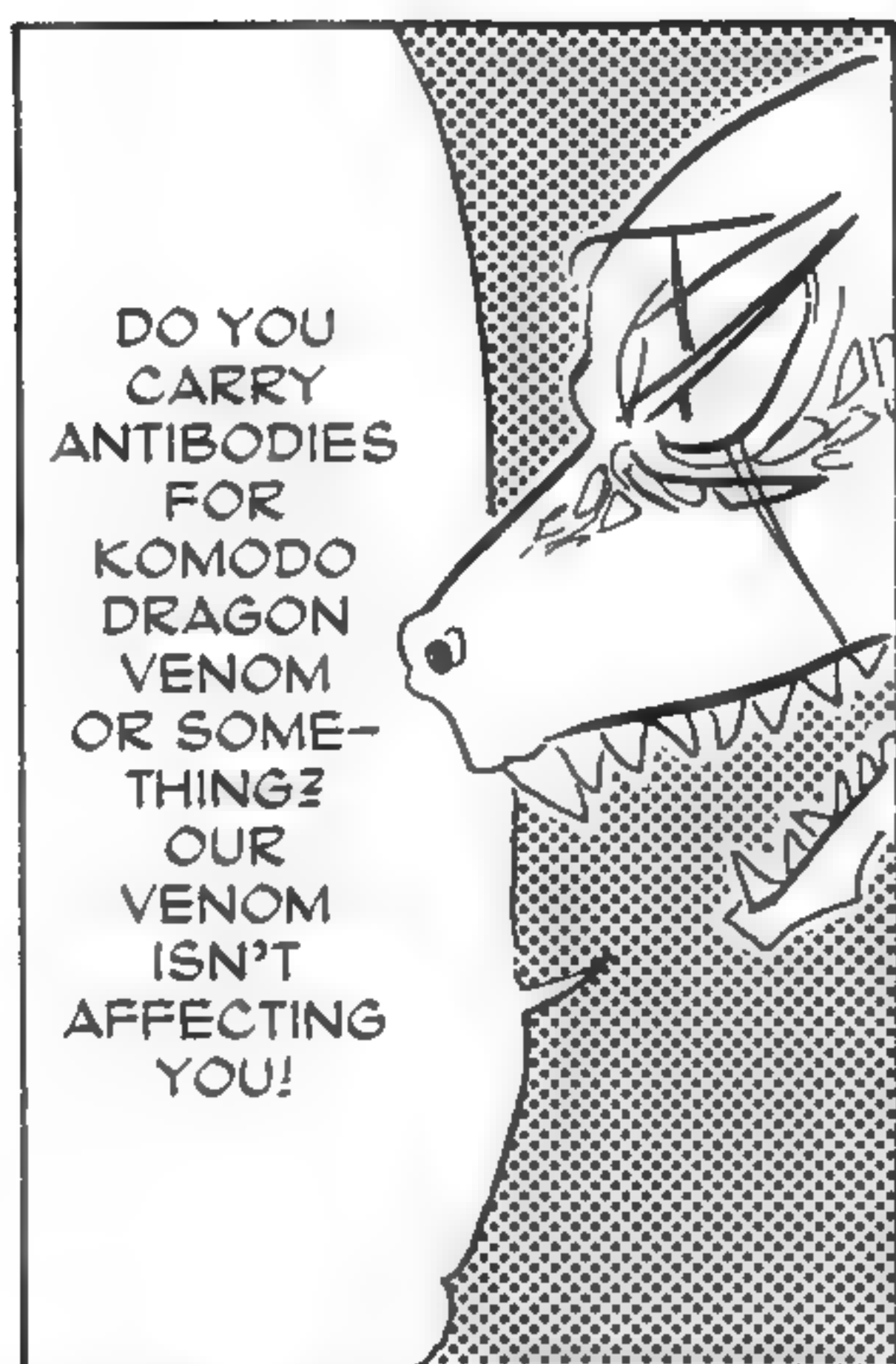
SKWK



MY FANGS
HAVE
REGEN-
ERATED!
THEY'RE
SOLIDLY
IMPLANTED
IN MY JAW!
REAL
FANGS!

WHOA...





FINE
BY
ME!

Gray wolf
Part-time udon
shop employee
Legoshi
(age 18)

Komodo dragon
Boss of
the Doku-gumi
Savon
(age unknown)

OH!
THEY'RE
SO...

LET'S
FIGHT WITH
OUR FISTS,
PUP!





WHAT ARE
YOU TALK-
ING ABOUT?
WERE YOU
ABOUT TO
SAY SOME-
THING?

THEY'RE
SO...
WHAT?



WOW...
THEY'RE SO
BEAUTI-
FUL...

LIGHT FROM THE
TORCHES IS GLINTING
OFF THEIR SCALES...



...SAFE!
LIKE
GRANDPA'S
HUGGING
ME!

I FEEL...

IT'S LIKE
I'M INSIDE
A MIRROR
BALL!

I'M
SURROUNDED
BY KOMODO
DRAGONS
REFLECTING
LIGHT ALL
AROUND ME...

...THE UNIQUE
QUALITIES OF
OTHER SPECIES...

I LOVE
DISCOVERING...

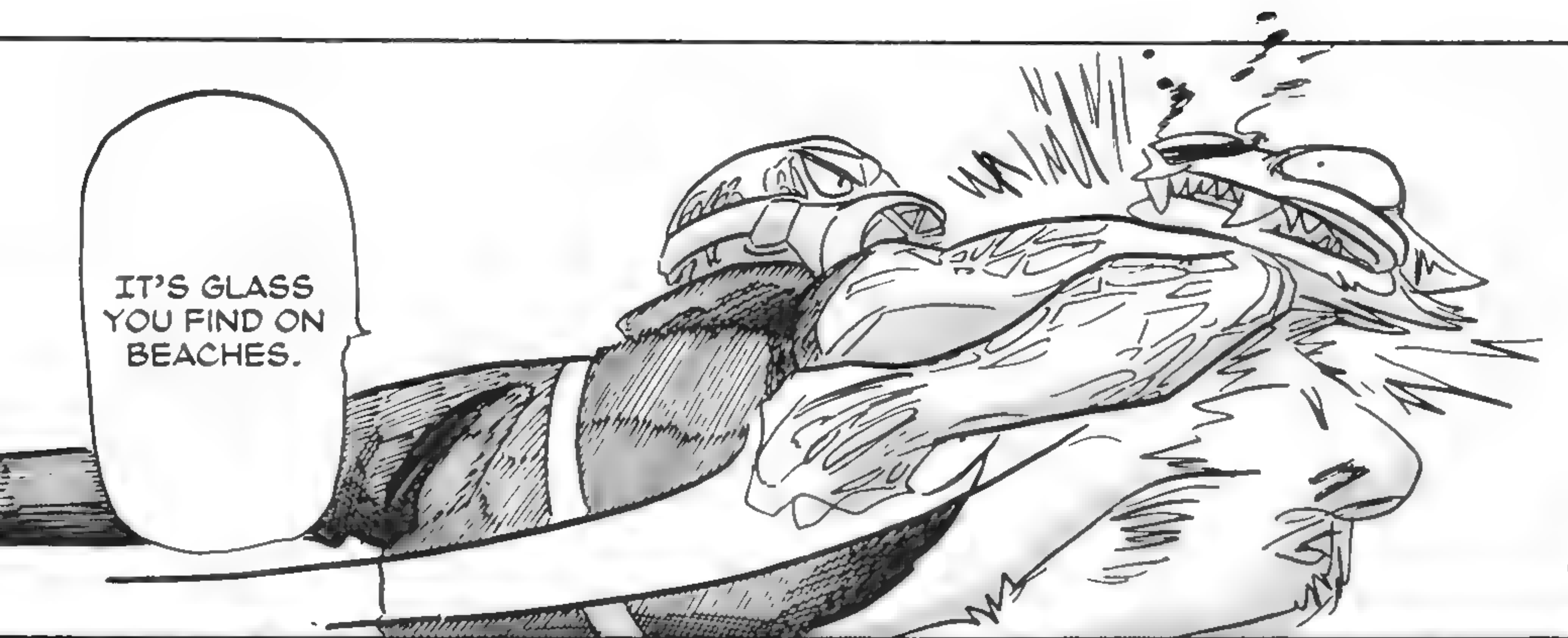




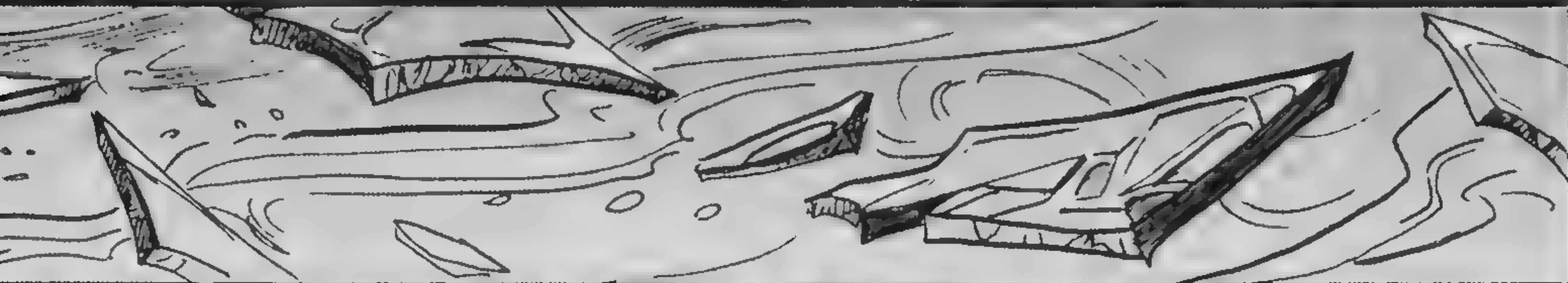
HEY,
PUP!

DO YOU
KNOW WHAT
SEA GLASS
IS?

THE
BATTLE'S
ALREADY
BEGUN!



IT'S GLASS
YOU FIND ON
BEACHES.



SHARDS OF
DISCARDED
GLASS
BOTTLES THAT
HAVE ROLLED
AND TUMBLED
IN THE
WAVES.



THEIR
SHARP EDGES
SMOOTHED AND
ROUNDED...
THEIR
SURFACES
FROSTED...



SO I'M
ASKING
YOU...
CAN YOU
SURF WITH
A KOMODO
DRAGON?

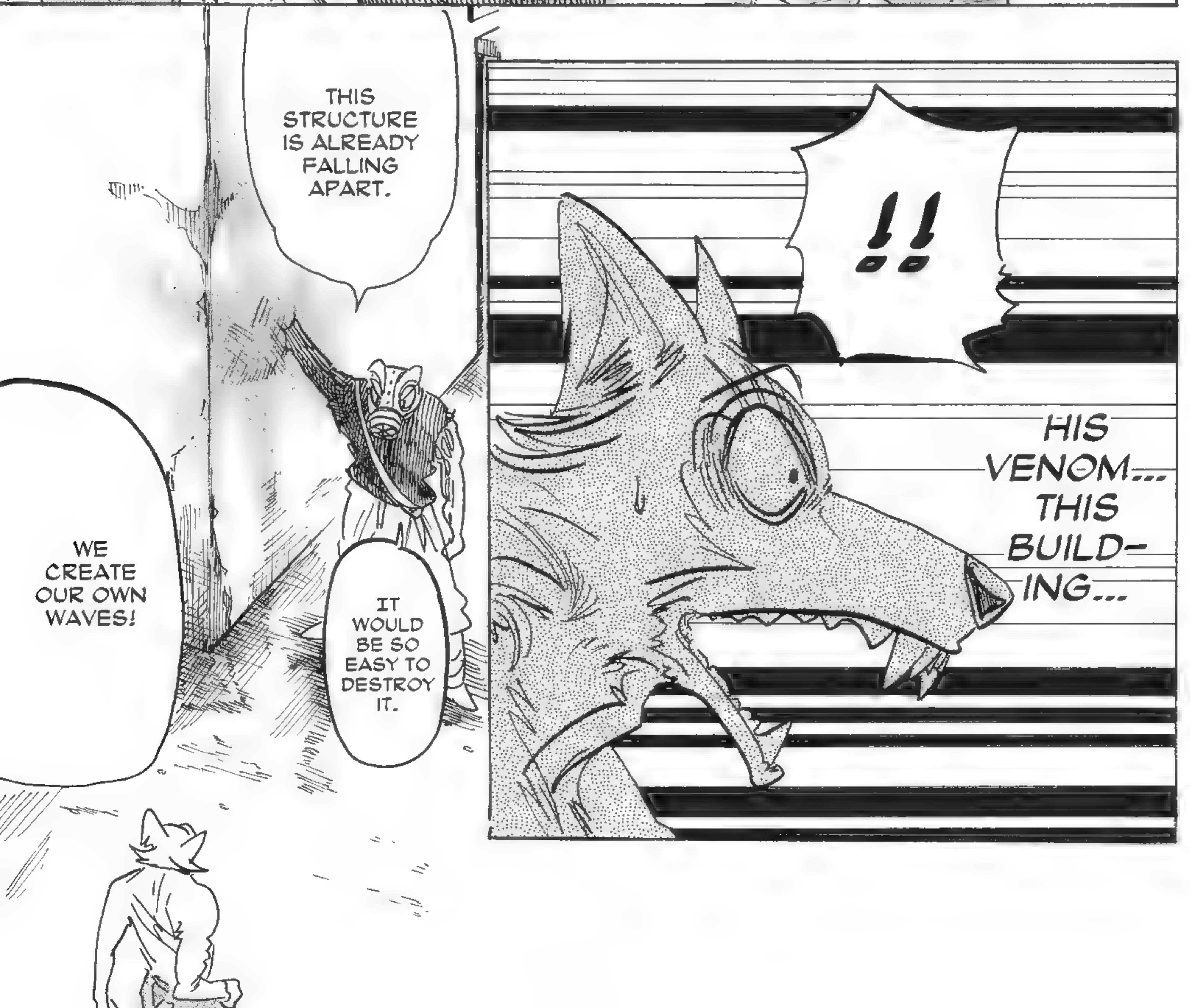
CHMP



THE ROUGHER
THE SEAS WE
SWIM IN, THE
BRIGHTER THE
SHINE OF OUR
SCALES.

WE KOMODO
DRAGONS
ARE
COVERED
IN SEA
GLASS.









I RODE
A GOOD
WAVE!

THIS
IS HOW THE
DOKU-GUMI
FIGHTS!

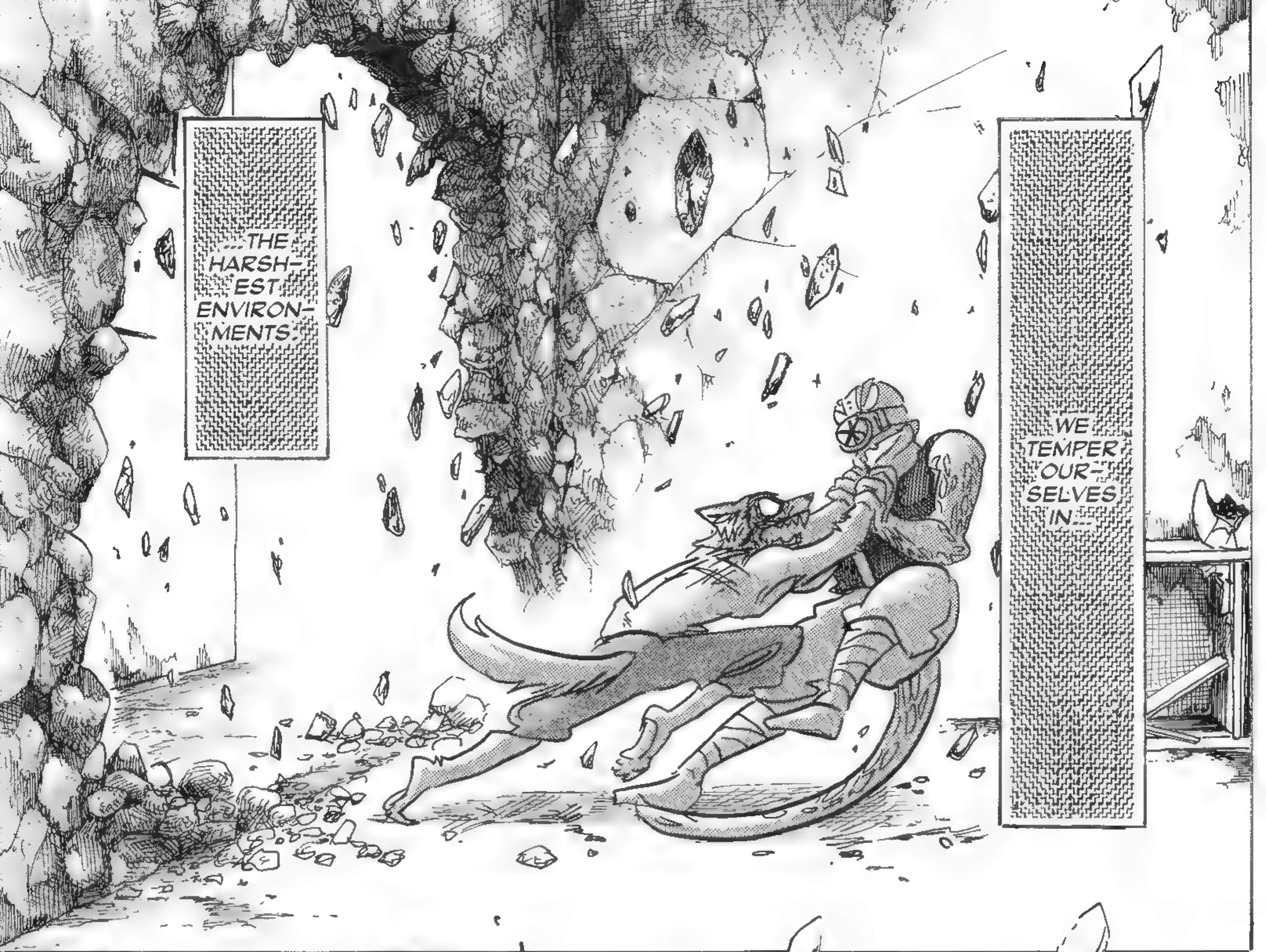
YOUR SEA
GLASS IS
GETTING
POLISHED.

OW...



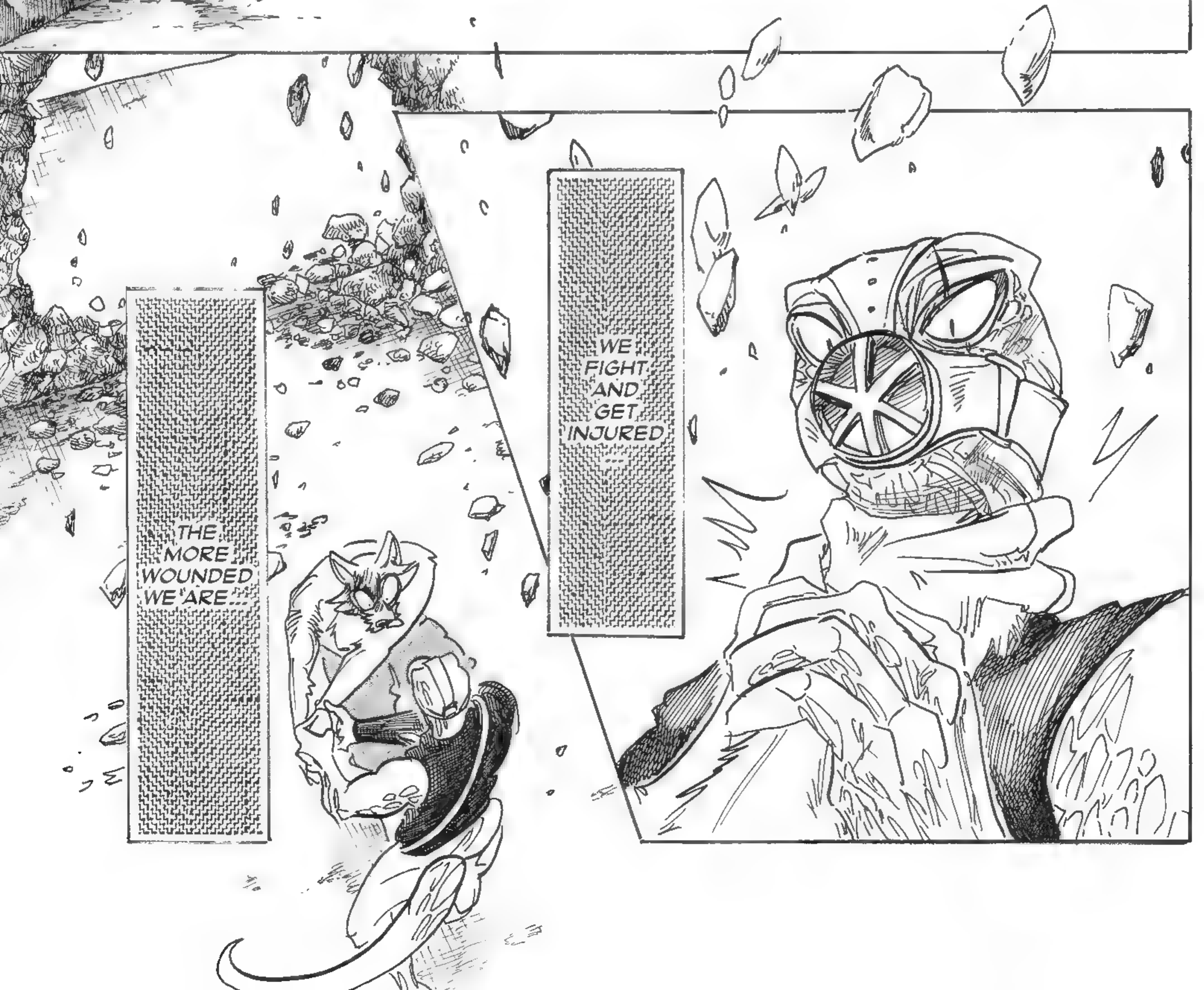
WHAM

...WW!



THE
HARSH-
EST
ENVIRON-
MENTS.

WE
TEMPER
OUR-
SELVES
IN...



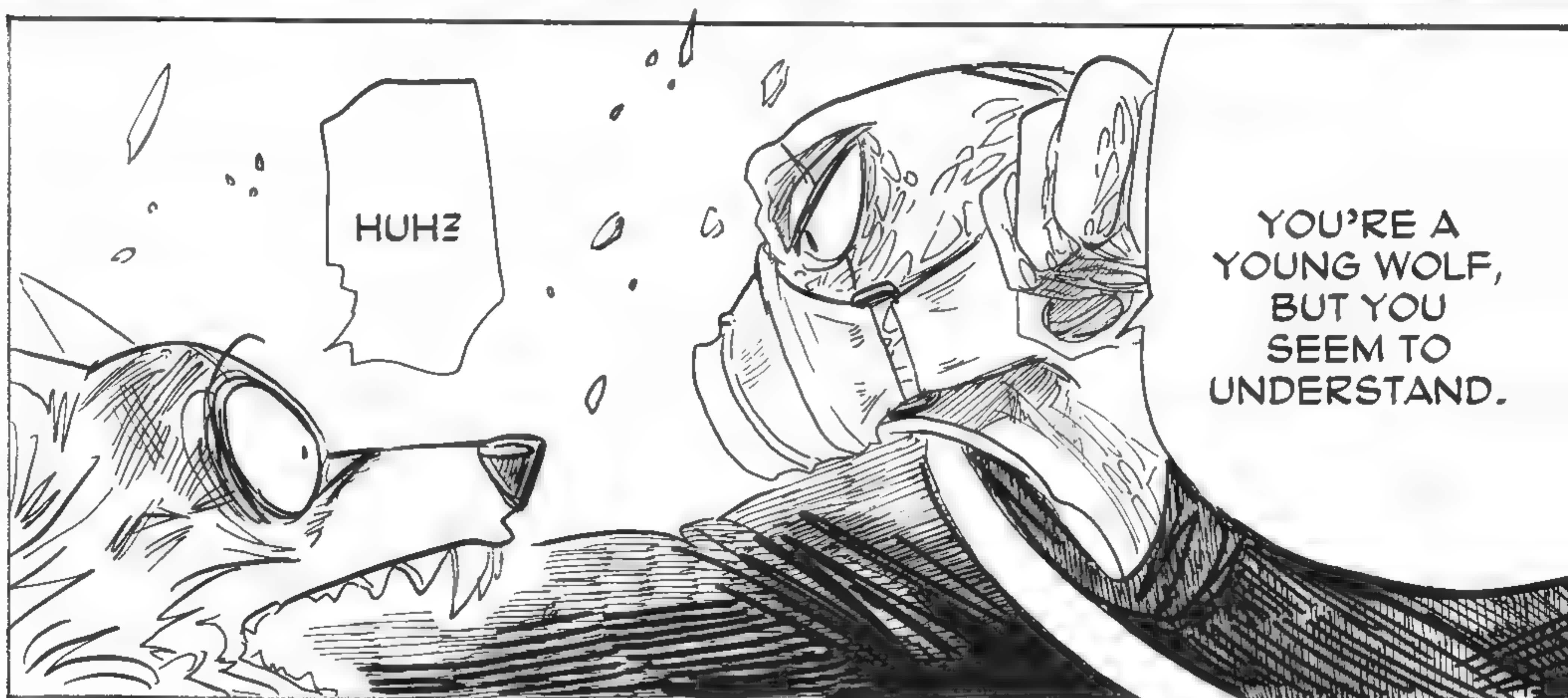
THE
MORE
WOUNDED
WE ARE...

WE
FIGHT
AND
GET
INJURED



...THE MORE
BEAUTIFUL...

...WE BECOME!





MAYBE OUR
VALUES
AREN'T THAT
DIFFERENT
AFTER ALL.



HAVE YOU
FORGOTTEN
THAT KOMODO
DRAGONS ARE
REPTILES?

NOT AT ALL!
OUR
FIGHTING
SPIRIT IS
NOTHING
LIKE
YOURS!



I DON'T HAVE
SCALES, SO
I DON'T GET
POLISHED LIKE
SEA GLASS,
BUT...

I GET
HURT
A LOT.

...IN THE
END WE
REGENERATE!

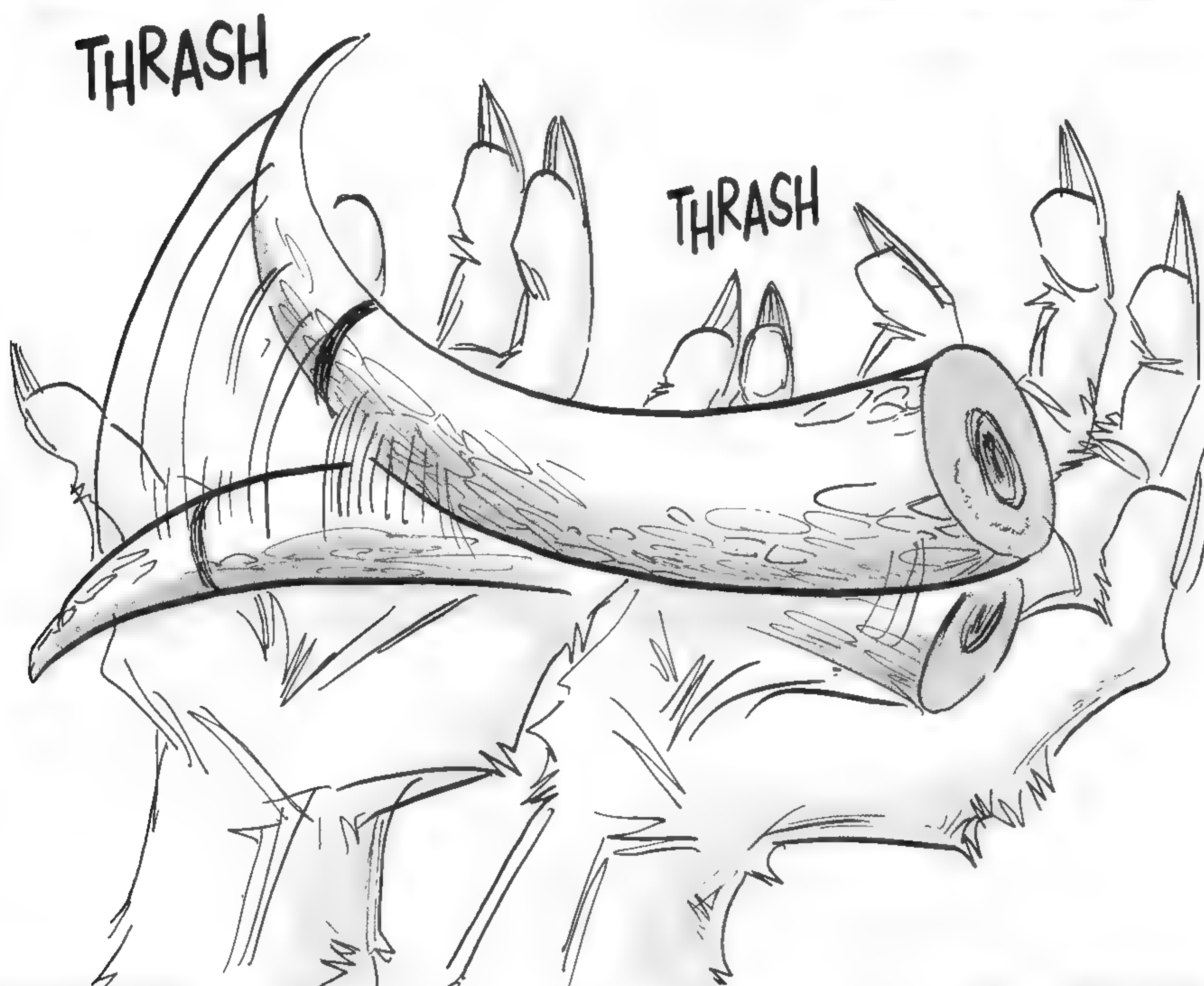
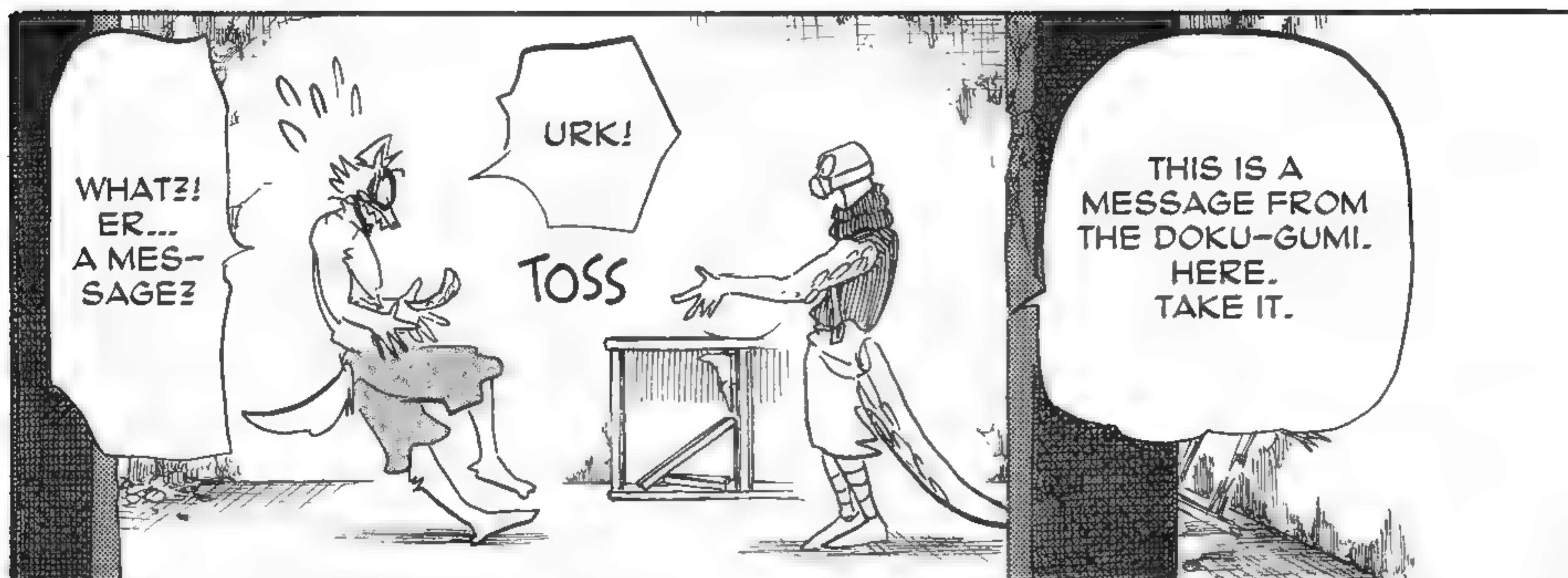
NO MATTER
HOW BADLY
WE'VE BEEN
INJURED...

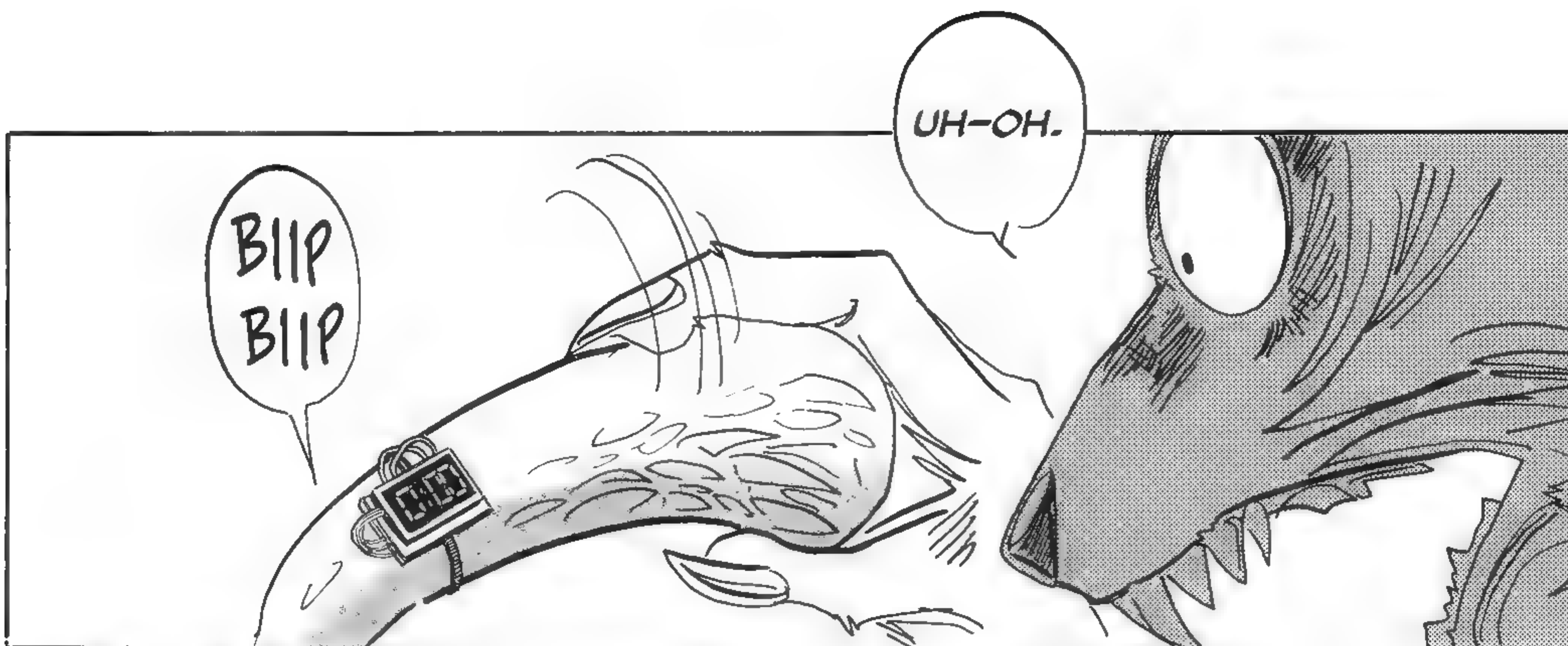
SNAP

NEVER
SEEN A LIZARD
CUT OFF HIS TAIL
BEFORE? WELL,
GUESS WHAT?
FRESHLY CUT
TAILS ARE
STILL ALIVE,
STILL
CONNECTED
TO OUR WILL...

!!

HE CUT
OFF HIS
OWN TAIL!!





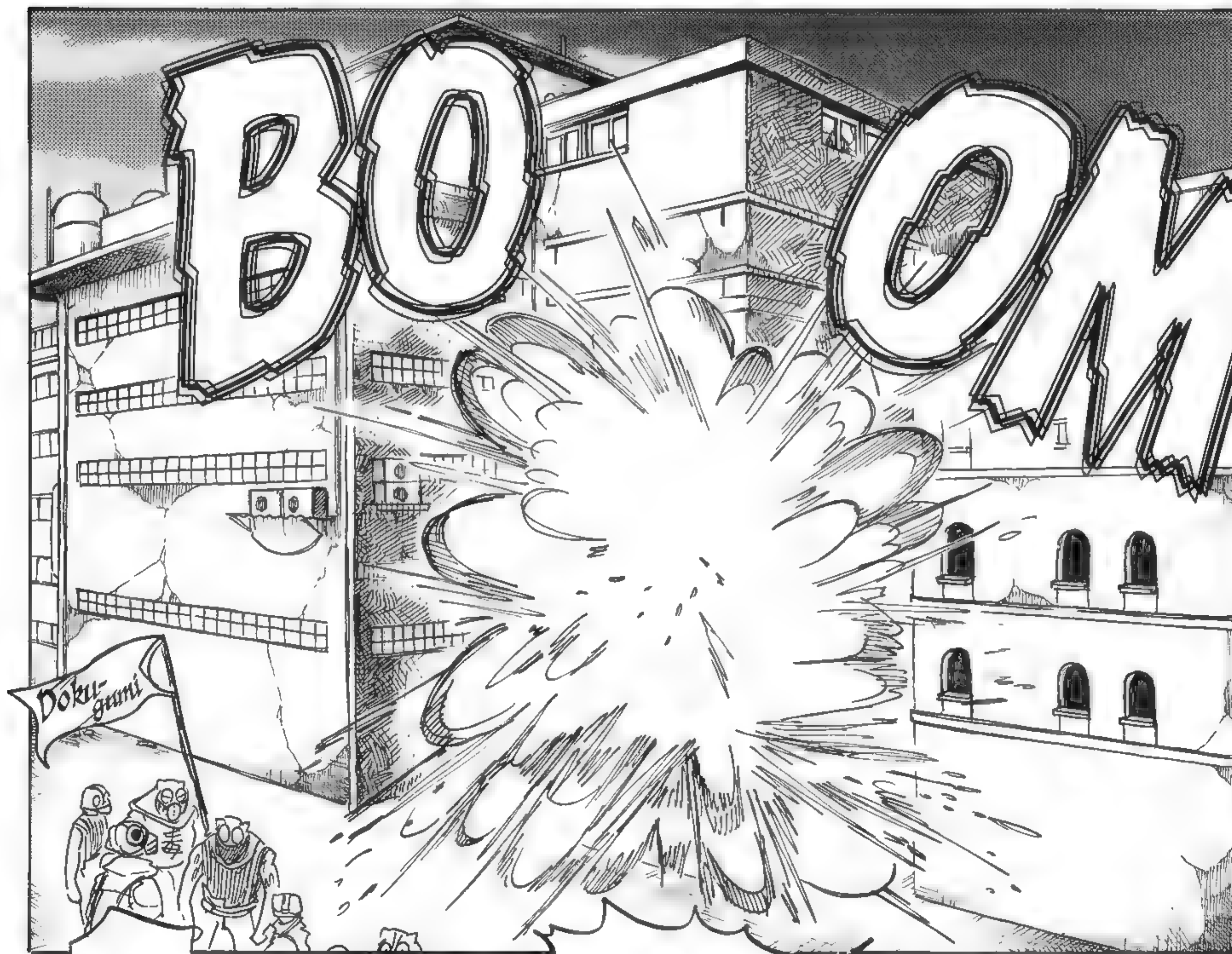
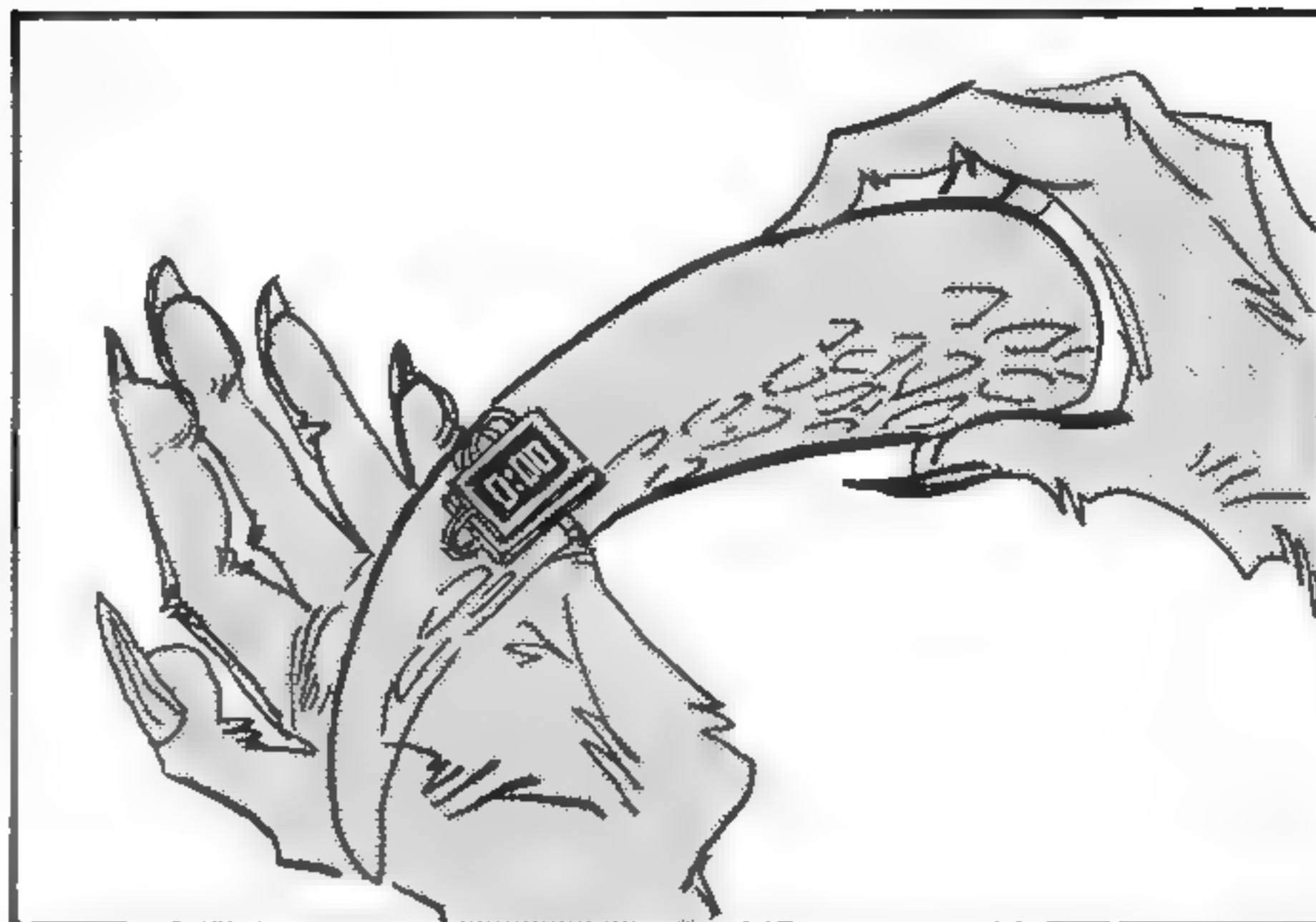
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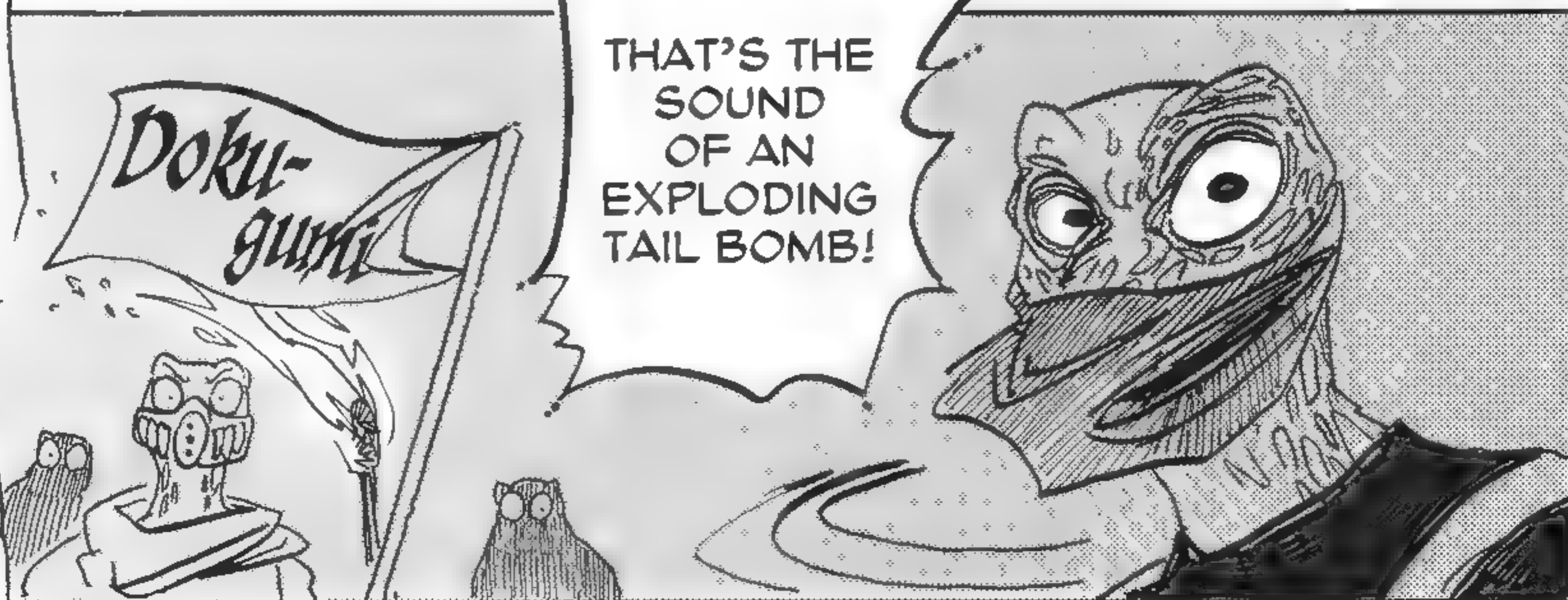
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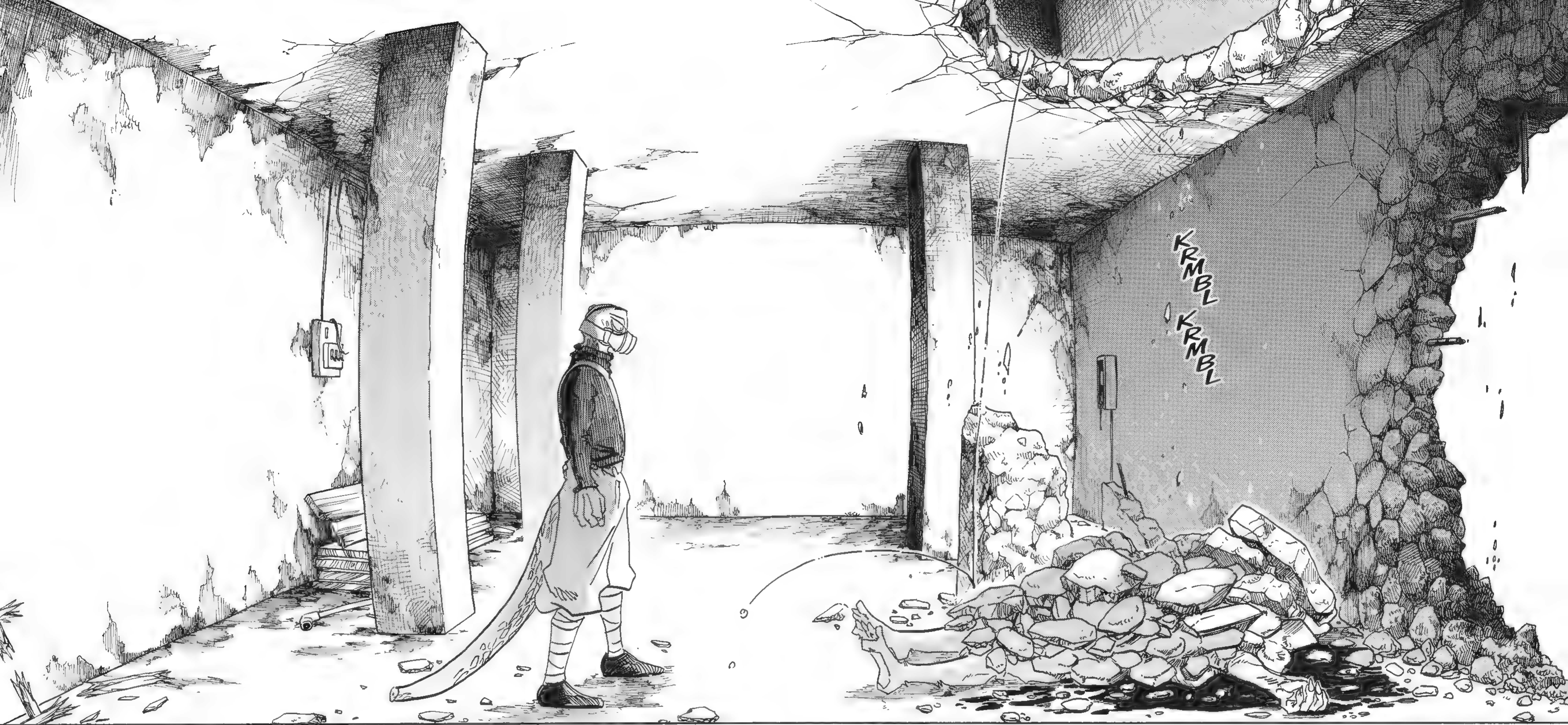


DID
THE
BOSS
CUT
OFF
HIS
TAIL?

THAT'S THE
SOUND
OF AN
EXPLODING
TAIL BOMB!

GUESS
THAT'S THE
END OF THE
WOLF PUP...





HOW MANY
YEARS HAS IT
BEEN SINCE I
LAST USED A TAIL
BOMB...?

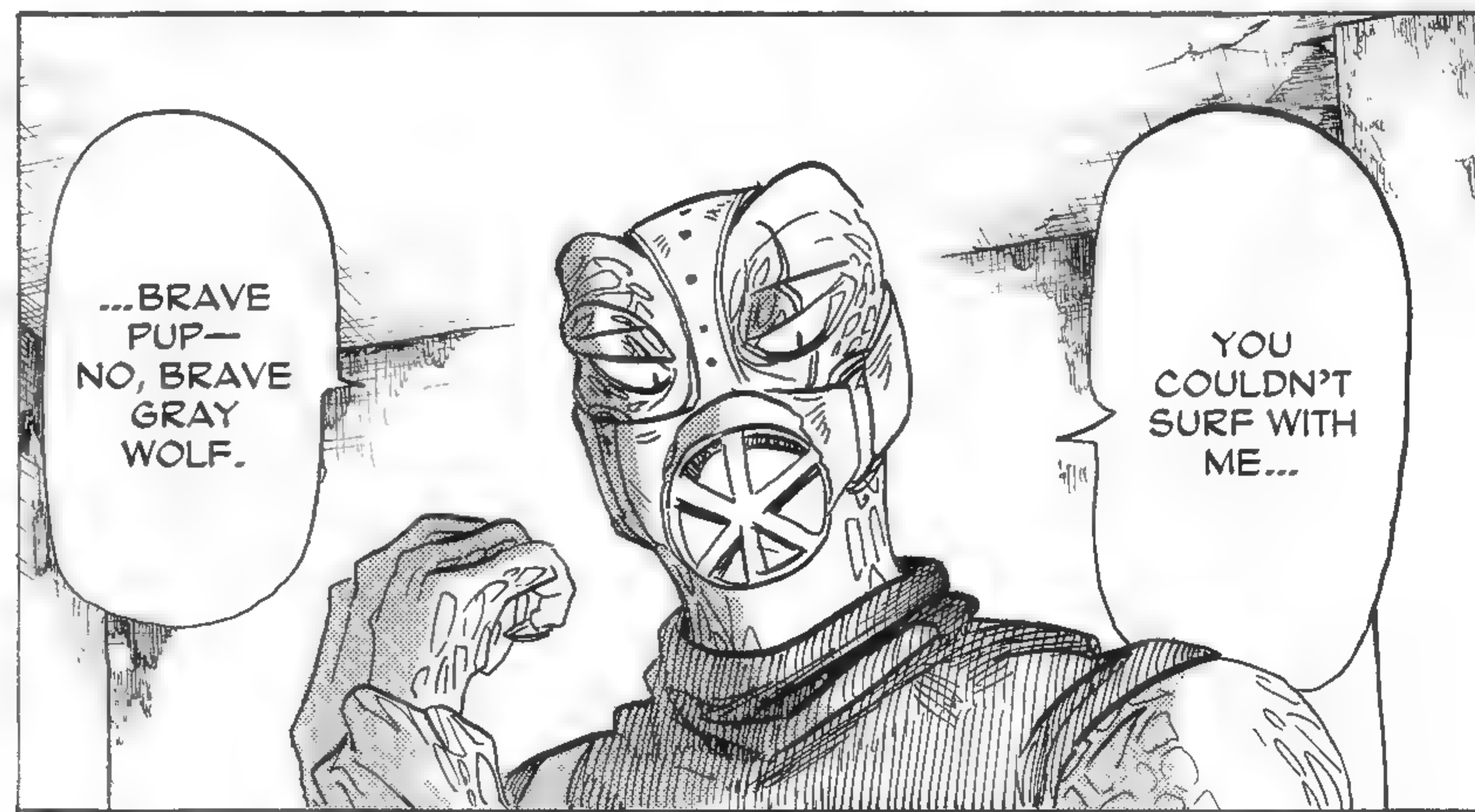


BUT YOU DID
FORCE ME,
THE BOSS OF THE
DOKU-GUMI, TO
CUT OFF HIS TAIL.
I RESPECT YOUR
DETERMINATION
AND FIGHTING
SPIRIT.



...BRAVE
PUP—
NO, BRAVE
GRAY
WOLF.

YOU
COULDN'T
SURF WITH
ME...





I'M SAVON.

IT'S TOO LATE NOW, BUT ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF.

IT MEANS "SOAP." FUNNY NAME FOR A VENOMOUS BEAST, HUH?

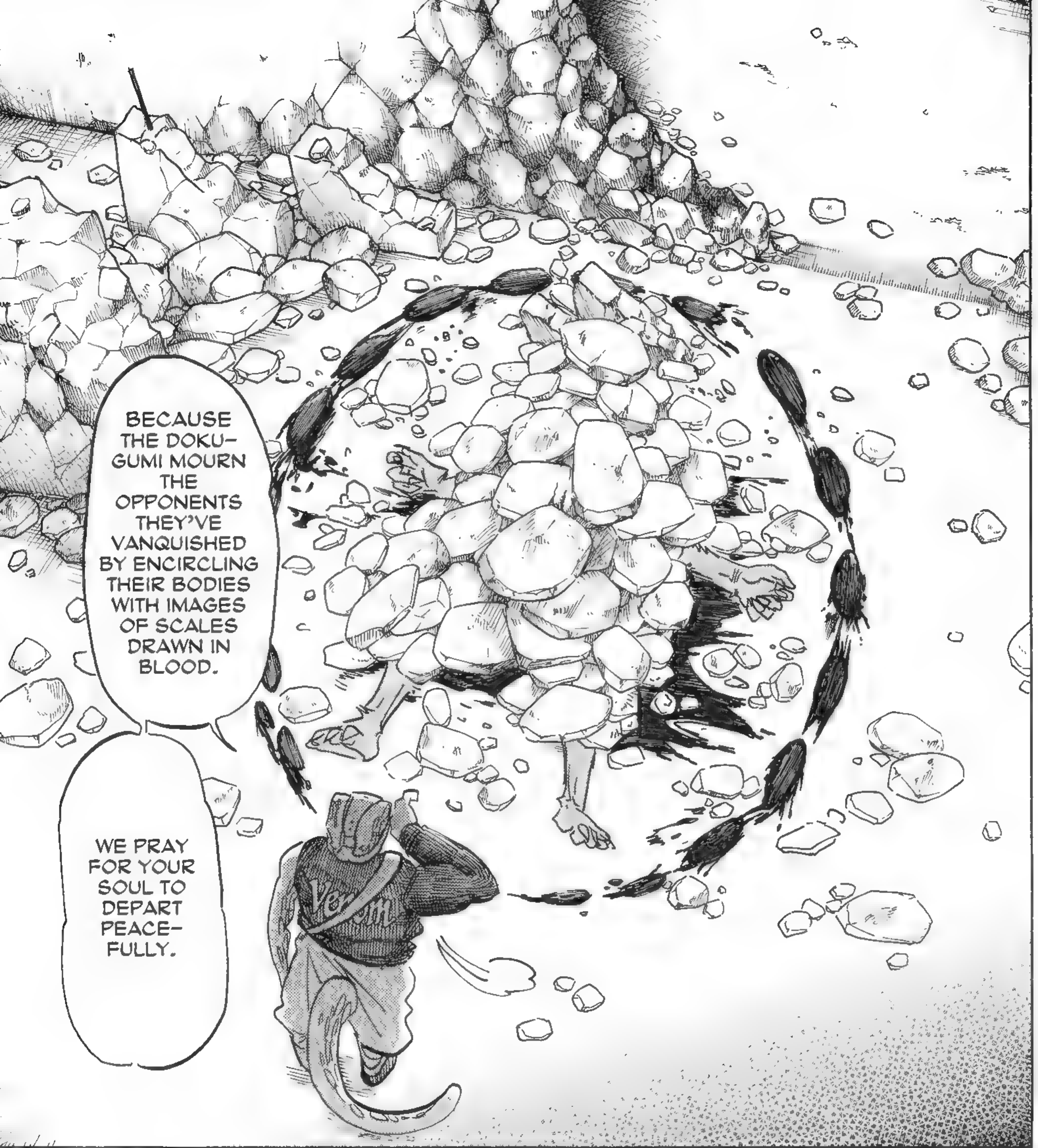
SPASH



HEH... SO WHY AM I TELLING YOU ALL THIS?

SKRTCH
SKRTCH

MOTHER NAMED ME "SOAP" TO CLEANSE ME OF THE MISFORTUNES THAT KOMODO DRAGON VENOM WOULD BRING ON ME...



BECAUSE
THE DOKU-
GUMI MOURN
THE
OPPONENTS
THEY'VE
VANQUISHED
BY ENCIRCLING
THEIR BODIES
WITH IMAGES
OF SCALES
DRAWN IN
BLOOD.

WE PRAY
FOR YOUR
SOUL TO
DEPART
PEACE-
FULLY.

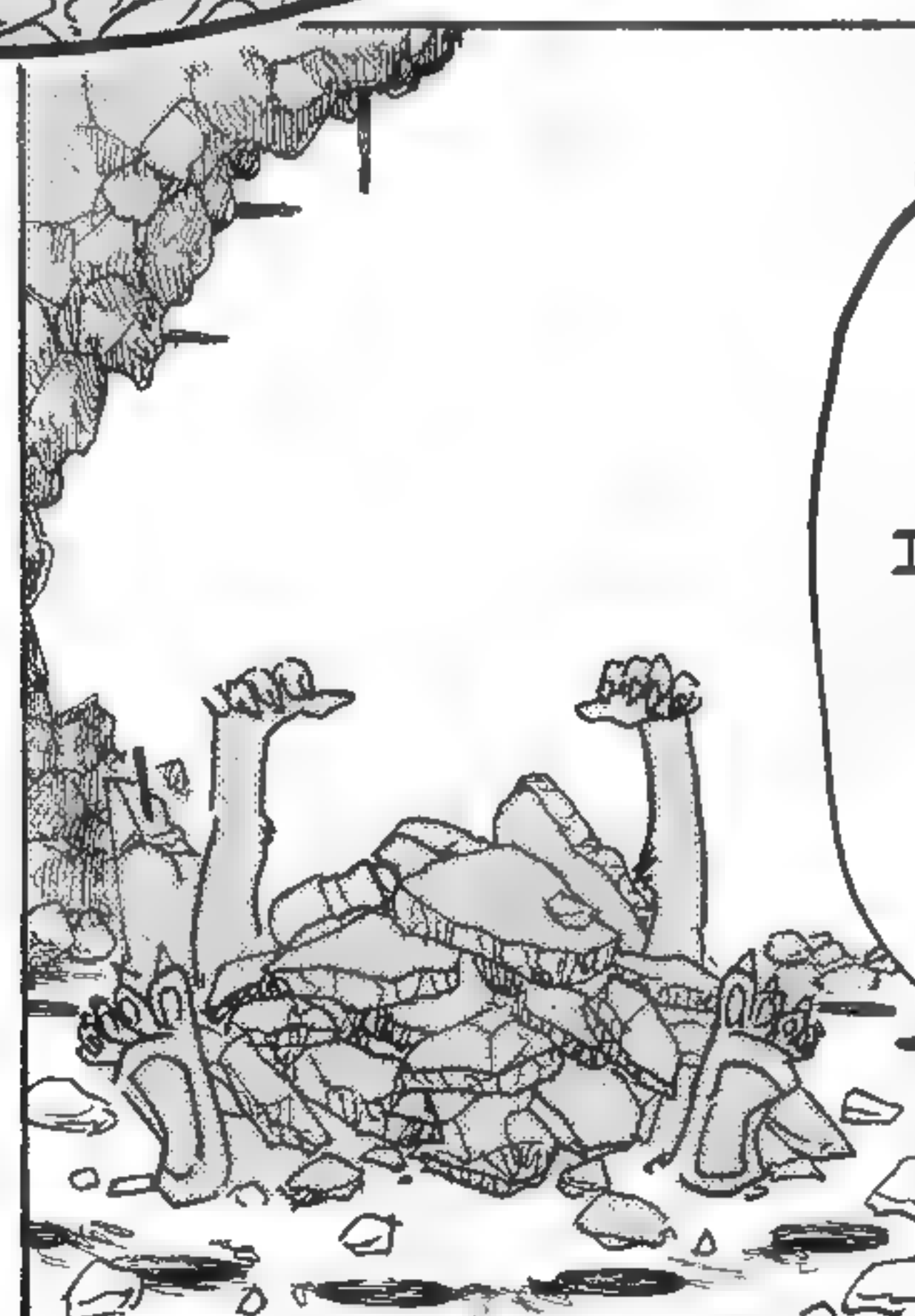


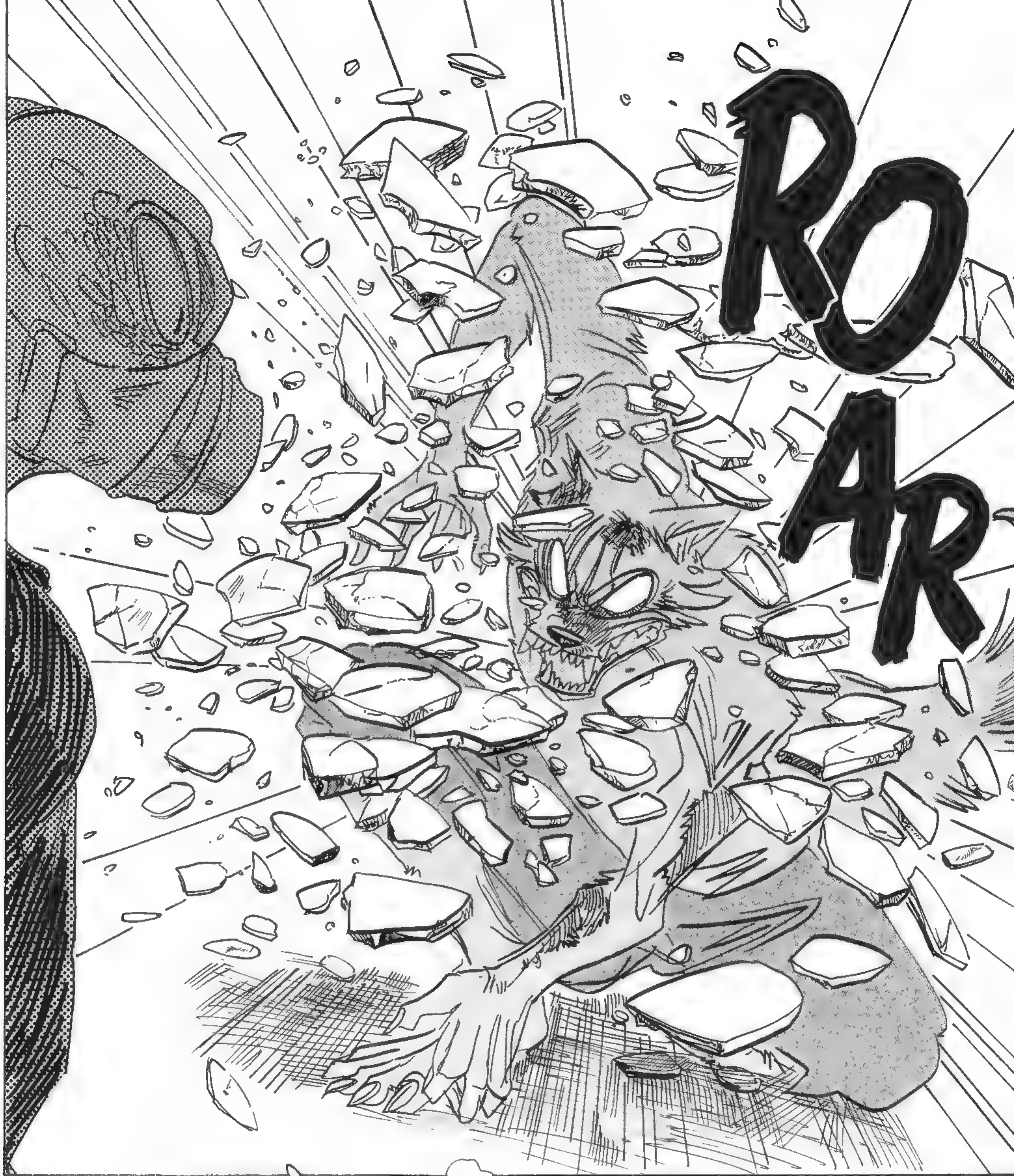
MAY THIS
WOLF
ASCEND
SMOOTHLY
TO THE
HEAVENS...



YOU FOUGHT
BRAVELY AND
WELL.





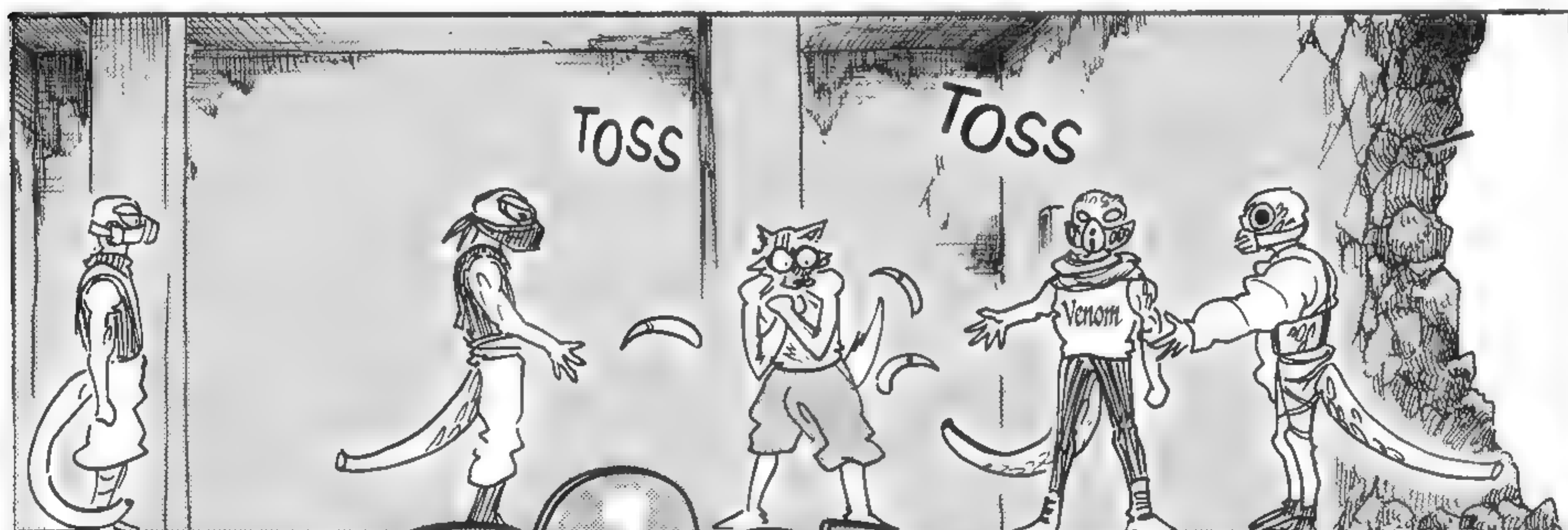




I APOLOGIZE
FOR SUMMONING
MY MEN.

7/5
Wednesd







THANK
YOU,
EVERY-
ONE.

CUTTING OFF
OUR TAIL,
ATTACHING IT
TO A BOMB,
AND THROWING
IT AT OUR
OPPONENT...
THAT'S OUR
UNIQUE BATTLE
ATTACK.

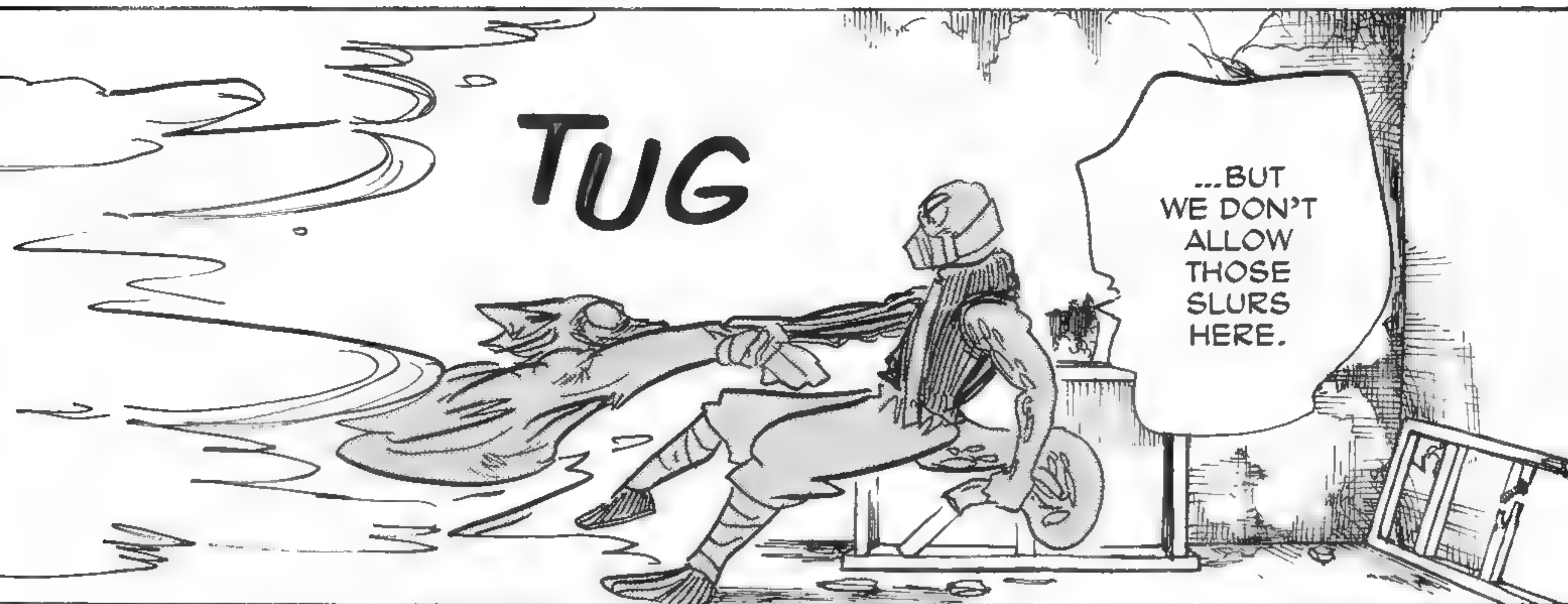
ZOMBIES.
MONSTERS.
PATHOGENS.

There
is little
bleeding
when the
tail is cut
off, and it
regener-
ates.

*The bones
in the tail
of a lizard
form a
dotted line,
so they're
easy to
snap.

Breaking
point

THE WORLD
OUTSIDE THE
BLACK MARKET
HAS MANY NAMES
FOR KOMODO
DRAGONS...





2!

THRASH

THRASH

THRASH





I DIDN'T
WANT THEM
TO GET HURT.

THEY WERE
THRASHING
AROUND.

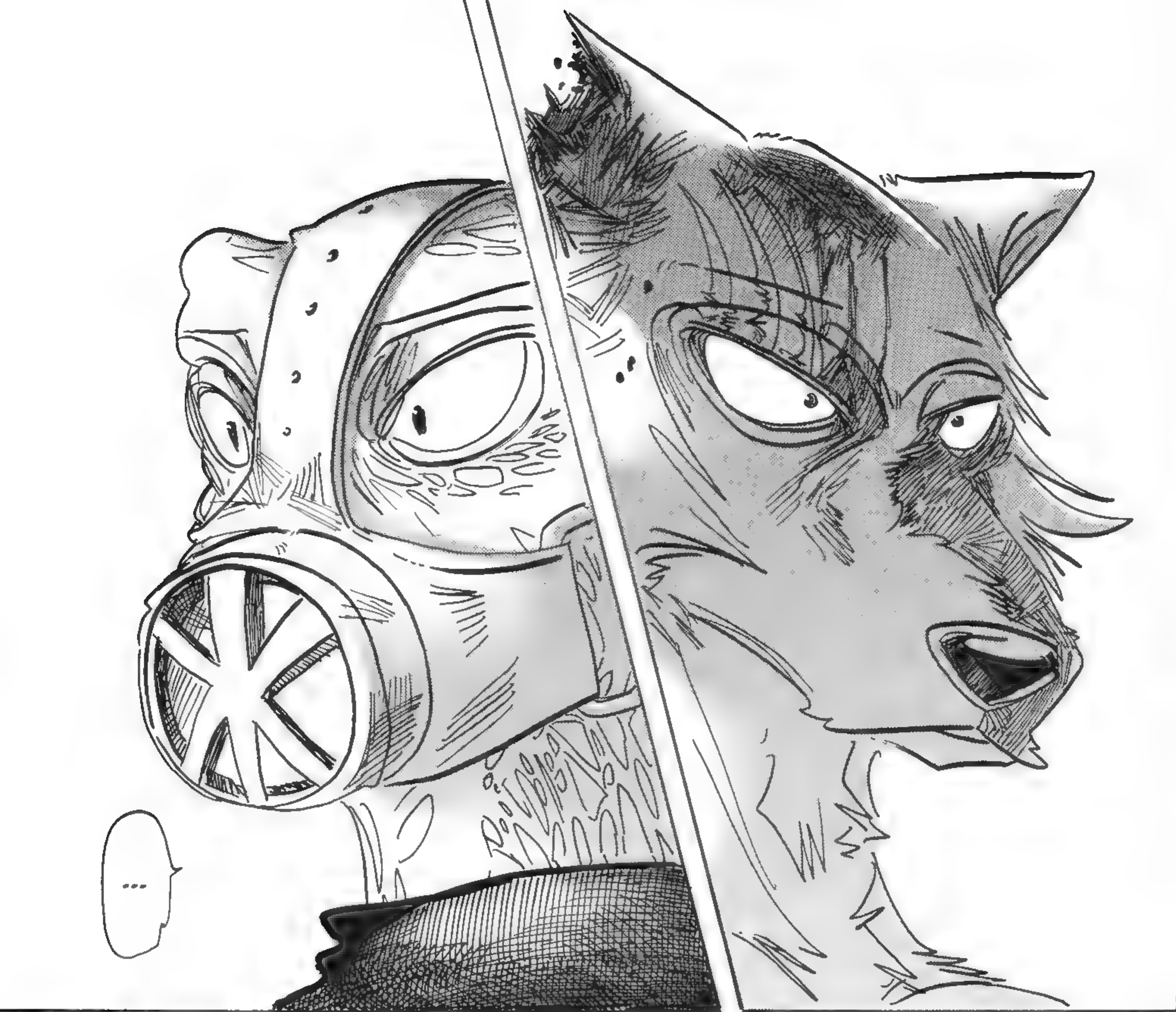


I STASHED
THEM IN MY
UNDERWEAR.
SORRY.



SO YOU...
HELD ON TO
OUR TAIL
BOMBS...
TO PROTECT
THEM?





WE CAN'T
REATTACH
OUR SEVERED
TAILS.



I WONDERED
WHY I SAW
MYSELF IN THIS
PUP'S EYES...



AID OUR TAILS
IN A PEACEFUL
PASSAGE.
CREMATE THEM
WITH YOUR
FLAMES...

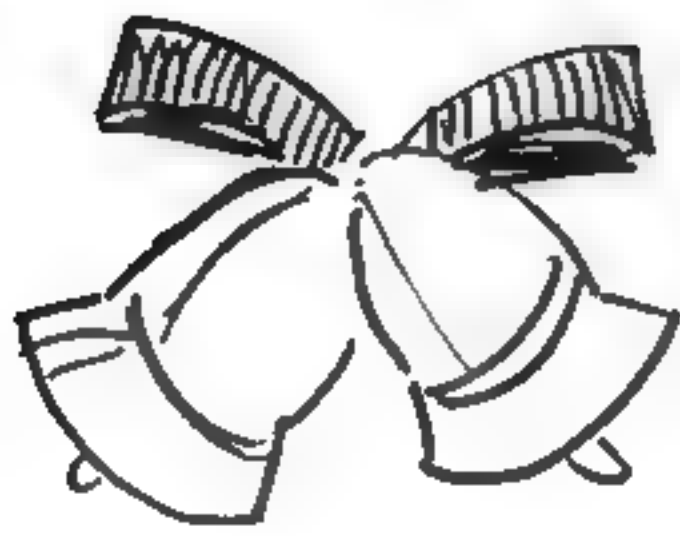
HAND
ME YOUR
TORCH,
YOUNG
WOLF.



...YOUR
MIXED-
BLOOD
FLAMES.

To be
contin-
ued...





The origin of Rexmas

Dinosaurs became extinct when a meteor crash-landed on the planet.

But on December 25, a rex (a T-Rex) came back to life and sprouted wings. Its descendants became Aves, and from that day on, all beasts thrived. That is why December 25 is a major holiday.

Dinosaurs are like gods to beasts, so they often appear in their theological stories. Rexmas is both a family and a romantic holiday.

(A replica dinosaur skull used to pay respect to one's ancestors)

(Decorative replica dinosaur bones)

★How Rexmas is celebrated★



(Decorative balls that look like meteors)

(Red wine representing dinosaur blood)

(Hearty soup representing the primordial seas teeming with life)

(Pie representing lava)

(Volcano salad, representing an erupting volcano. A traditional Rexmas dish.)

Top aides of the Doku-gumi

Brothers

CO2 (age 26)

Wanted to
attend art school

Smog (age 32)

Thinks he makes
incredible kimchi

Ozone (age 35)

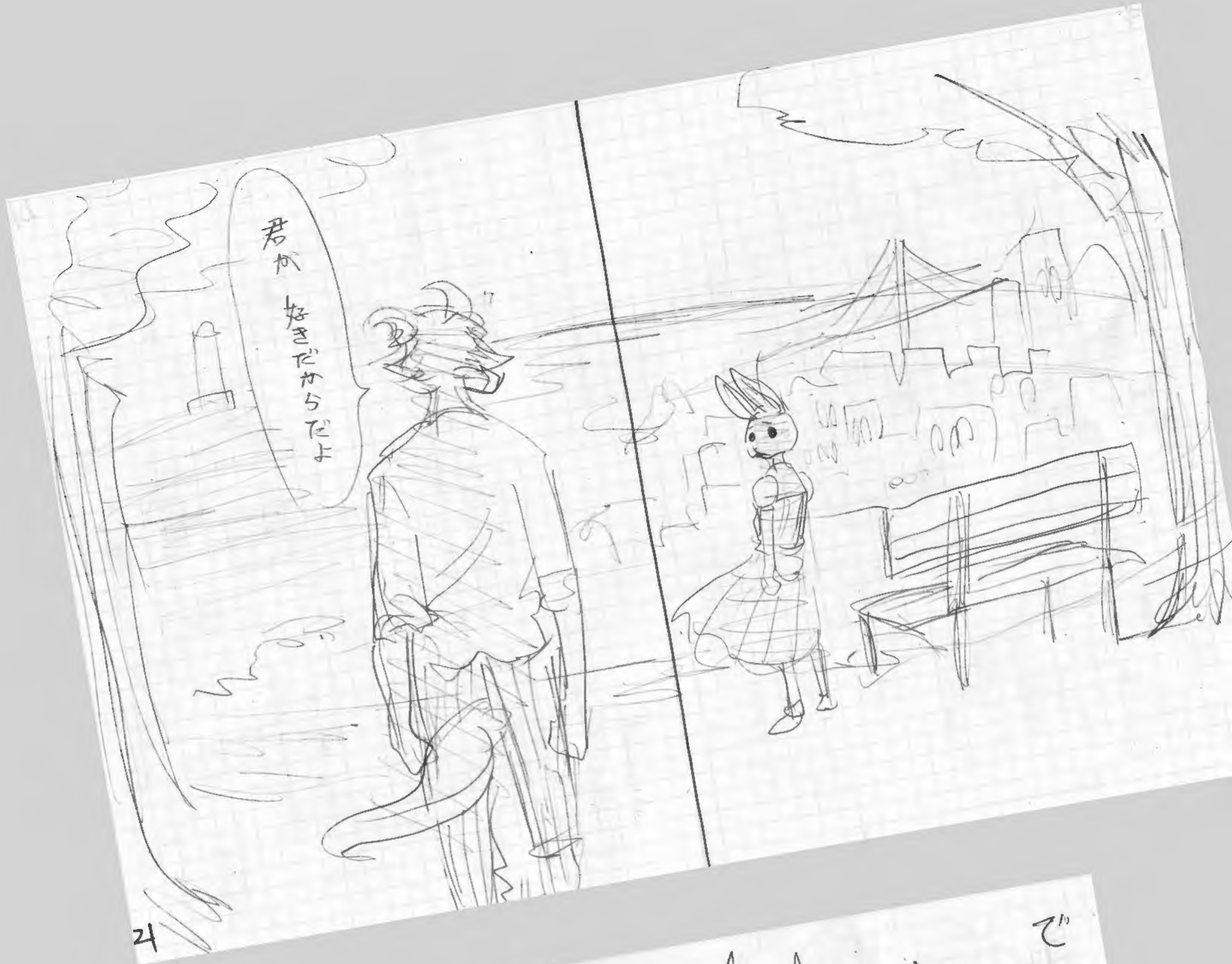
Classical music
afficionado

Savon

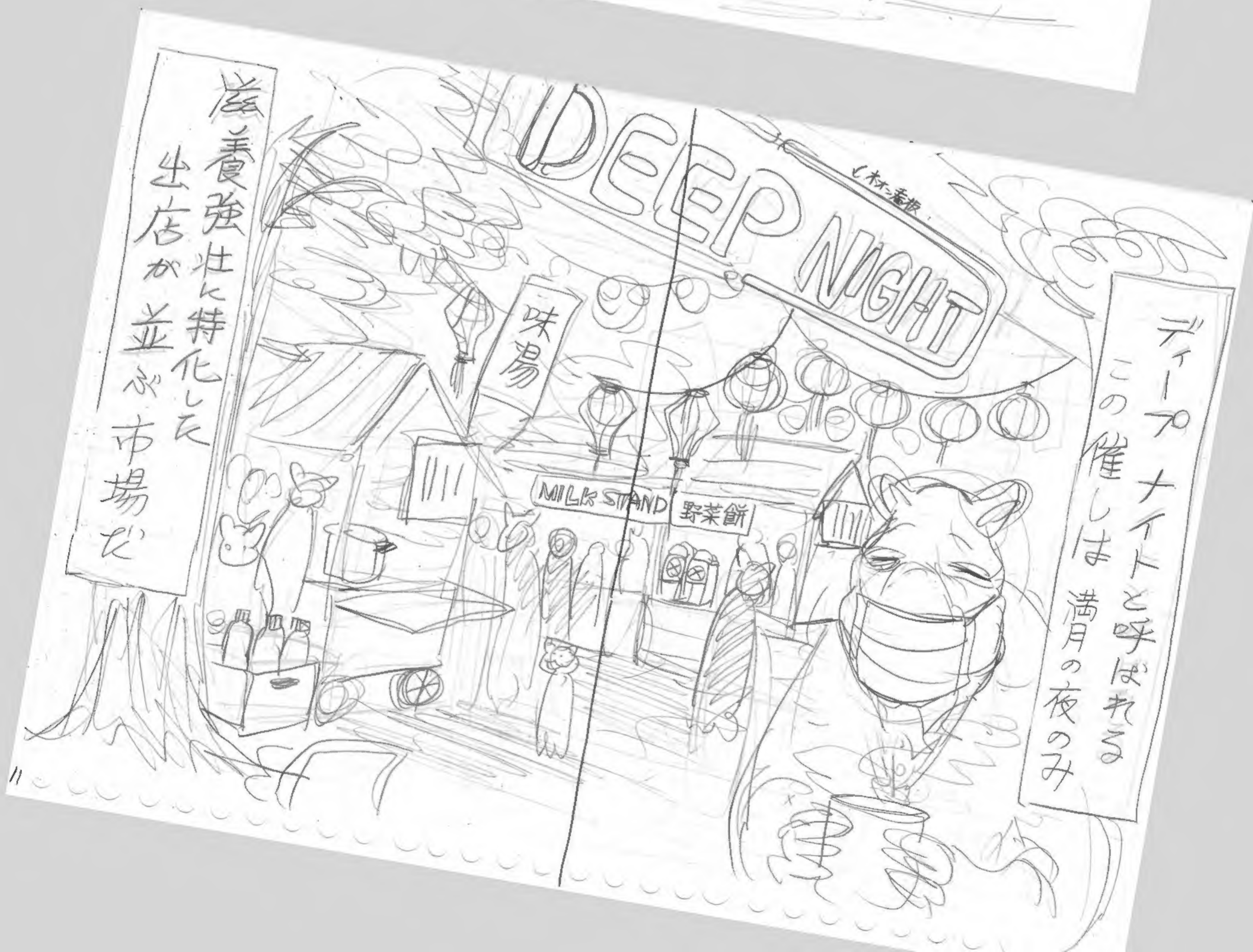
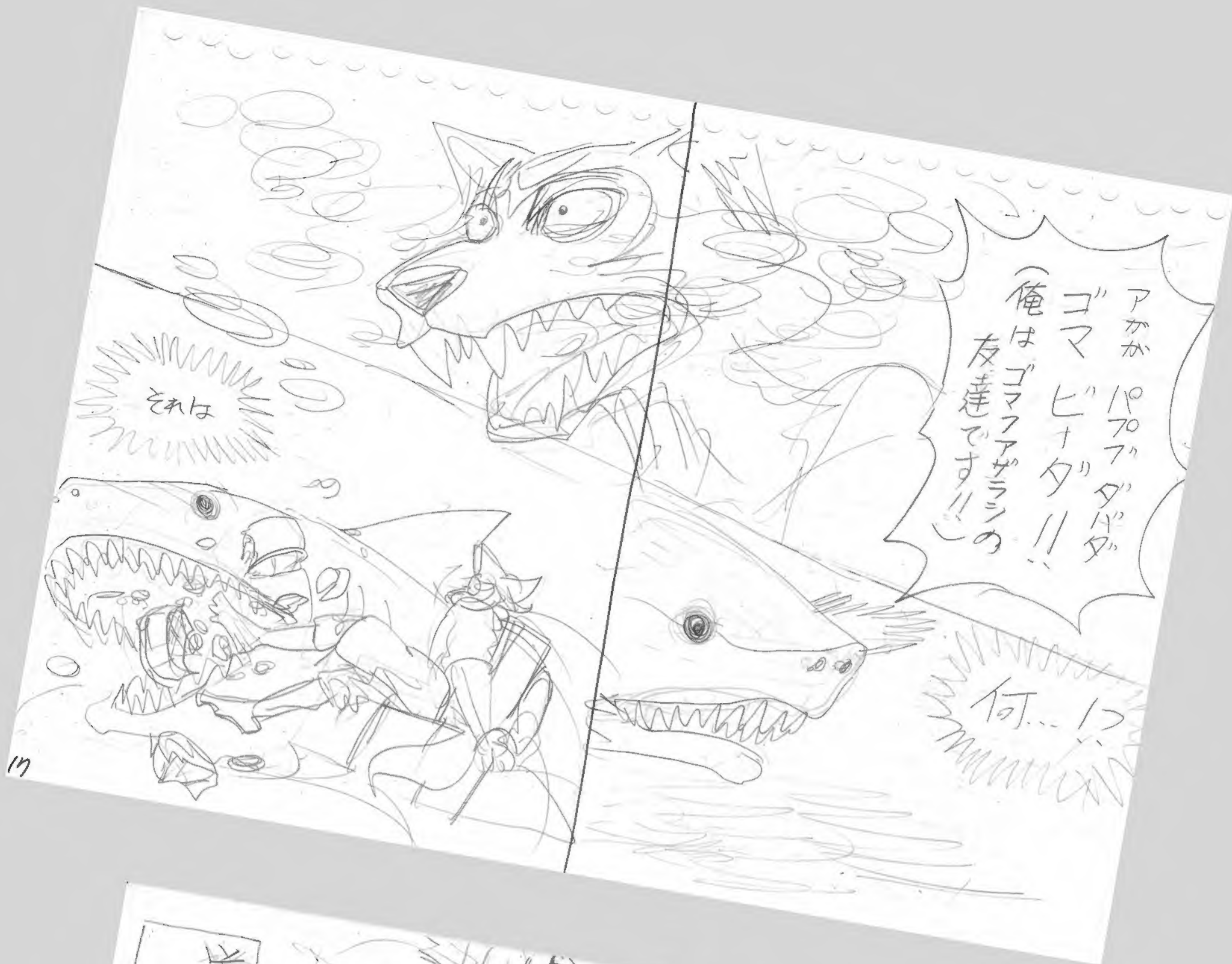
Often
composes tanka
poems

Boss





*These are BEASTARS storyboards.
(Storyboards are rough outlines of your story that you show to your editor.)





COVID STARTED SPREADING
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AROUND
THE TIME I WAS DRAWING
THE PAGES FOR THIS VOLUME.
MY DAILY LIFE DIDN'T CHANGE.
I DRAW MANGA AT HOME. BUT
STILL, THIS VOLUME HAS BECOME
A MEMORABLE ONE FOR ME.

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